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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 2ND NL
EDS: UPDATES WITH 3 MORE VICTIMS.
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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - AT LEAST 24 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AFTER FIGHTING BETWEEN RIVAL PALESTINIAN GUERRILLA GROUPS ERUPTED WITH ARTILLERY SHELLS PULVERIZING THE BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH REFUGEE CAMP MONDAY, ACCORDING TO POLICE. .
THEY SAID 67 OTHERS WERE WOUNDED IN THE FIGHTING WHICH BROKE OUT AT 5 A.M. (0200 GMT) BETWEEN COL. SAEED MOUSA'S SYRIAN-BACKED FATAH-UPRISING AND FATAH GUERRILLAS LOYAL TO YASSER ARAFAT, CHAIRMAN OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION.
THAT RAISED THE KNOWN CASUALTY TOLL SINCE FIGHTING BROKE OUT MAY 1 TO AT LEAST 151 KILLED AND 594 WOUNDED.
SEVERAL BODIES, 4TH GRAF, LEBANON PALESTINIANS NIGHT LD
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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, NIGHT LD-WRITETHRU
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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - AT LEAST 21 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AFTER FIGHTING BETWEEN RIVAL PALESTINIAN GUERRILLA GROUPS ERUPTED WITH ARTILLERY SHELLS PULVERIZING THE BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH REFUGEE CAMP MONDAY, ACCORDING TO POLICE. .

THEY SAID 67 OTHERS WERE WOUNDED IN THE FIGHTING WHICH BROKE OUT AT 5 A.M. (0200 GMT) BETWEEN COL. SAEED MOUSA'S SYRIAN-BACKED FATAH-UPRISING AND FATAH GUERRILLAS LOYAL TO YASSER ARAFAT, CHAIRMAN OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION.

THAT RAISED THE KNOWN CASUALTY TOLL SINCE FIGHTING BROKE OUT MAY 1 TO AT LEAST 148 KILLED AND 594 WOUNDED.

SEVERAL BODIES LITTERED THE TERRAIN ALONG THE CAMP'S EDGES AS THE TWO WARRING FACTIONS LAUNCHED A SERIES OF ATTACKS AND COUNTER-ATTACKS, WITNESSES SAID.

''THE SHELLING IS THE WORST WE'VE HAD IN YEARS''' SAID A WOMAN WHO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF A RELATIVE LULL IN THE BOMBARDMENT AT 1 P.M. (1000 GMT) TO FLEE BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH.

SULTAN ABUL-AINEN, FATAH'S COMMANDER IN BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH, SAID 25 PEOPLE, MOST OF THEM WOMEN AND CHILDREN, WERE WOUNDED WHEN A 160MM MORTAR SLAMMED INTO ENTRANCE OF A BOMB SHELTER.

POLICE SAID THEY WERE AMONG THE 67 WOUNDED IN TODAY'S FIGHTING.

THE FIGHTING SHATTERED A WEEKLONG LULL IN THE INTER-PALESTINIAN WAR FOR CONTROL OF THE BEIRUT CAMPS.

MOUSA'S FIGHTERS OVERRAN THE NEARBY CHATILLA CAMP JUNE 27 AND HAD VOWED TO MOVE INTO BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH IN AN ATTEMPT TO CRUSH ARAFAT'S FORCES IN THE LEBANESE CAPITAL.

AT TIMES SHELLS AND ROCKETS RAINED AT A RATE OF 20 A MINUTE ON THE SPRAWLING SHANTYTOWN ON BEIRUT'S SOUTHERN OUTSKIRTS, POLICE SAID.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, NL-1ST ADD

BEIRUT: POLICE SAID.

THEY SAID THE FIGHTING FORCED THE CLOSING OF THE BEIRUT AIRPORT HIGHWAY, WHICH ABUTS BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH. FLIGHT SCHEDULES WERE NOT AFFECTED AND TRAVELLERS GOT TO THE AIRPORT THROUGH SIDESTREETS.

COLUMNS OF THICK BLACK SMOKE BILLOWED FROM THE CAMP. MOUSA'S GUNNERS, DEPLOYED IN SYRIAN-CONTROLLED HILLS OVERLOOKING BEIRUT, HAMMERED THE CAMP WITH 120MM AND 160MM MORTARS, ROCKETS AND 106MM RECOILLESS GUNS, POLICE REPORTED.

THEY SAID FATAH GUERRILLAS RESPONDED WITH 62MM MORTARS AND ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADES.

ABUL-AINEN, FATAH'S COMMANDER, SAID HIS MEN REPULSED 13 ATTEMPTS BY THE DISSIDENT FIGHTERS TO PUSH INTO THE CAMP IN A FIERCE EIGHT-HOUR CONFRONTATION.

ABUL-AINEN, REACHED BY TELEPHONE IN BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH, SAID AT LEAST FIVE CORPSES OF THE ATTACKERS ''LAY ON THE BATTLEFIELD. THE DISSIDENTS COULD NOT EVACUATE THEM DUE TO THE INTENSITY OF THE FIGHTING.''

THE FALL OF CHATILLA WAS A SERIOUS SETBACK FOR ARAFAT, WHO HAS CALLED ON ARAB LEADERS TO HELP END THE FIGHTING. ABUL-AINEN SAID HIS FIGHTERS ARE DETERMINED TO DEFEND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH ''TO THE LAST MAN.

''WE WARN THESE COLLABORATORS THAT BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH WILL NOT FACE THE SAME FATE AS CHATILLA,'' HE SAID.

FATAH, THE LARGEST GROUP OF ARAFAT'S PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, DISLODGED MOUSA'S FOLLOWERS FROM BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH AND THE NEARBY CHATILLA REFUGEE CAMP IN FIGHTING OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS.

THE DISSIDENTS REGROUPED ALONG THE EDGES OF THE CAMPS AND OVERRAN CHATILLA AFTER A 13-HOUR BATTLE THAT DEMOLISHED THE SHANTYTOWN AND AGAIN DISPLACED HUNDREDS OF REFUGEES.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, NL-2ND ADD

BEIRUT: OF REFUGEES.

LIBYAN MEDIATORS SUPERVISED THE EVACUATION OF ABOUT 150 ARAFAT LOYALISTS FROM CHATILLA TO FATAH BASES THE PORT CITY OF SIDON, 25 MILES (40 KMS) SOUTH OF BEIRUT.

FATAH AND OTHER PLO OFFICIALS SAID 80 PERCENT OF BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH HAS BEEN KNOCKED DOWN IN BOMBARDMENTS OVER THE PAST 60 DAYS. ONLY 3,000 OF 20,000 RESIDENTS REMAIN IN THE CAMP.

SCORES OF CIVILIANS FLED THE CAMP DURING THE WEEKLONG LULL IN FIGHTING AFTER CHATILLA FELL.

THE CAMPS HAVE BEEN LARGELY DEVASTATED BY FIGHTING THAT BEGAN WHEN ISRAEL INVADED LEBANON IN 1982, BESIEGED WEST BEIRUT AND HAMMERED THE SHANTYTOWNS WITH AIR RAIDS AND SHELLFIRE FOR MONTHS.

SYRIAN-BACKED LEBANESE SHIITE MOSLEMS BESIEGED THE BEIRUT CAMPS IN 1985, POUNDING THEM FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS IN A FAILED ATTEMPT TO PREVENT ARAFAT FROM REBUILDING THE POWER BASE HE LOST WHEN ISRAEL DROVE THE PLO OUT OF BEIRUT IN 1982.

MOUSA, WHO HAS VOWED TO CHASE THE PLO OUT OF LEBANON AGAIN, BROKE AWAY FROM THE ORGANIZATION IN 1983. THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT BACKED THE MUTINY BY RADICALS OPPOSED TO ARAFAT, AND MOUSA SET UP HIS HEADQUARTERS IN THE SYRIAN CAPITAL OF DAMASCUS.

THE BEIRUT FIGHTING HAS FLARED DESPITE A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN ARAFAT AND SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD IN DAMASCUS LAST APRIL TO END THEIR 5-YEAR-OLD FEUD. BUT SINCE THE FIGHTING ERUPTED ARAFAT HAS ACCUSED THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT OF FOMENTING THE BATTLE IN ORDER TO ASSERT ITS CONTROL OVER ALL OF BEIRUT.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 1ST LD

EDS: UPDATES CASUALTIES, OTHER DETAILS

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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - YASSER ARAFAT'S GUERRILLAS MONDAY HELD OFF SYRIAN-BACKED PALESTINIAN DISSIDENTS SEEKING TO STORM THE BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH CAMP, ARAFAT'S LAST BEIRUT STRONGHOLD, BEHIND A FIERCE BARRAGE OF ROCKET AND MORTAR FIRE.

POLICE SAID AT LEAST EIGHT PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 26 WOUNDED IN THE FIGHTING WHICH ERUPTED AT 5 A.M. (0200 GMT) BETWEEN COL. SAEED MOUSA'S DISSIDENT FATAH-UPRISING FACTION AND ARAFAT'S FATAH GROUP.

THAT RAISED THE KNOWN CASUALTY TOLL SINCE FIGHTING BROKE OUT MAY 1 TO AT LEAST 135 KILLED AND 553 WOUNDED.

THE FIGHTING ENDED A WEEK-LONG LULL IN THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE RIVAL FACTIONS FOR CONTROL OF THE BEIRUT CAMPS.

MOUSA'S MEN OVERRAN THE NEARBY CHATILLA CAMP JUNE 27 AND HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO MOVE ON BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH IN AN ATTEMPT TO CRUSH ARAFAT'S FORCES IN THE LEBANESE CAPITAL.

POLICE SAID 20 ROUNDS A MINUTE WERE EXPLODING IN THE SPRAWLING BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH SHANTYTOWN ON BEIRUT'S SOUTHERN OUTSKIRTS.

POLICE SAID THE FIGHTING FORCED THE CLOSURE OF THE AIRPORT HIGHWAY WHICH RUNS PARALLEL TO THE CAMP'S WESTERN EDGE.

AIRPORT OFFICIALS SAID FLIGHT SCHEDULES WERE NOT AFFECTED. TRAVELERS GOT TO THE AIRPORT THROUGH SIDESTREESTS.

BLACK SMOKE BILLOWED FROM BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH AS MOUSA'S GUNNERS, DEPLOYED IN SYRIAN-CONTROLLED HILLS OVERLOOKING BEIRUT, POUNDED THE CAMP WITH 120MM AND 160MM MORTARS, ROCKETS, AND 106MM RECOILLESS GUNS, POLICE REPORTED.

THEY SAID ARAFAT'S LOYALISTS RESPONDED WITH 62MM MORTARS.

A FATAH OFFICIAL REACHED BY TELEPHONE IN BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH SAID HIS MEN REPULSED 10 ATTACKS BY THE DISSIDENTS TO PUSH INTO THE CAMP IN A FIERCE SIX-HOUR BATTLE.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 1ST ADD

BEIRUT: ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADES

A FATAH OFFICIAL REACHED BY TELEPHONE IN BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH SAID HIS MEN REPULSED THREE PRE-DAWN ATTACKS BY THE DISSIDENTS.

FATAH, THE MAIN COMPONENT OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, PUSHED MOUSA'S FOLLOWERS OUT OF BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH AND CHATILLA IN EARLIER FIGHTING.

THE DISSIDENTS REGROUPED ALONG THE SYRIAN-CONTROLLED EDGES OF THE CAMPS AND OVERRAN CHATILLA LAST WEEK IN A 13-HOUR BATTLE THAT DEMOLISHED THE SHANTYTOWN AND DISPLACED HUNDREDS OF REFUGEES.

A DAY LATER, LIBYAN MEDIATORS SPONSORED THE EVACUATION OF ABOUT 150 ARAFAT GUERRILLAS FROM CHATILLA TO FATAH BASES IN THE PORT CITY OF SIDON, 25 MILES (40 KILOMETERS) SOUTH OF BEIRUT.

THE FALL OF CHATILLA WAS A SERIOUS SETBACK FOR ARAFAT. THE FATAH OFFICIAL SAID HIS FIGHTERS WERE DETERMINED TO HOLD OUT AND DEFEND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH ''TO THE LAST MAN.''

HE SAID 80 PERCENT OF THE CAMP HAS BEEN DEVASTATED IN EARLIER BOMBARDMENTS AND THAT ONLY 3,000 RESIDENTS REMAIN IN THE CAMP OUT OF ITS ORIGINAL 20,000-STRONG POPULATION.

SCORES OF CIVILIANS FLED THE CAMP DURING THE WEEK-LONG LULL IN FIGHTING AFTER CHATILLA FELL.

THE CAMPS HAVE BEEN LARGELY DEVASTATED BY FIGHTING THAT BEGAN WHEN THE ISRAELIS INVADED LEBANON IN 1982, BESIEGED WEST BEIRUT AND HAMMERED THE SHANTYTOWNS WITH AIR RAIDS AND SHELLFIRE FOR MONTHS.

PRO-ISRAELI CHRISITIAN MILITIAMEN MASSACRED HUNDREDS OF CIVILIANS IN CHATILLA AND THE NEIGHBORING SABRA CAMP IN SEPTEMBER 1982.

SYRIAN-BACKED LEBANESE SHIITE MOSLEMS BESIEGED THE CAMPS IN 1985.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 2ND ADD

BEIRUT: IN 1985

THEY POUNDED THEM FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS IN AN ABORTIVE EFFORT TO PREVENT ARAFAT FROM REBUILDING THE POWER BASE HE LOST WHEN THE ISRAELIS DROVE THE PLO OUT OF BEIRUT IN 1982.

THE SHIITES BULLDOZED SABRA FLAT, BUT CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH HELD OUT UNTIL THE SHIITES LIFTED THEIR SIEGE EARLIER THIS YEAR.

MOUSA BROKE AWAY FROM THE PLO IN 1983 IN A SYRIAN-BACKED MUTINY BY RADICALS OPPOSED TO ARAFAT'S POLICIES. MOUSA SET UP HIS HEADQUARTERS IN THE SYRIAN CAPITAL OF DAMASCUS.

THE BEIRUT FIGHTING HAS FLARED DESPITE A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN ARAFAT AND SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD LAST APRIL TO END A 5-YEAR-OLD FEUD OVER WHO WOULD CONTROL THE PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT.

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PLO-LLEBANON

RIVAL FACTIONS DECLARE CEASE-FIRE

DAMASCUS, SYRIA (AP) - RIVAL PALESTINIAN FACTIONS HAVE AGREED TO A CEASE-FIRE IN REFUGEE CAMPS IN BEIRUT, ENDING A BLOODY POWER STRUGGLE THAT HAS RAGED FOR ONE WEEK IN THE SHANTOTOWNS, PALESTINIAN SPOKESMAN SAID TUESDAY.

''ALL THE PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS DECIDED YESTERDAY TO END THE FIGHTING IN THE CAMPS,'' SAID A SPOKESMAN FOR THE DEMOCRATIC FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE, ONE OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION'S NINE FACTIONS.

''IT IS STOPPED,'' HE ADDED.

THE DAMASCUS-BASED FATAH-UPRISING OF COL. SAEED MOUSA ANNOUNCED THAT THE TRUCE WENT INTO EFFECT AT 8 A.M. (0500 GMT) TUESDAY, AND THE DFLP OFFICIAL SAID THAT YASSER ARAFAT'S MAINSTREAM FATAH ALSO HAD AGREED TO HALT THE BATTLES.

FIGHTING FOR MASTERY OF THE CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH CAMPS FLARED LAST WEEK BETWEEN FATAH AND FIGHTERS OF COL. MOUSA, WHO BROKE AWAY FROM ARAFAT IN MAY 1983.

MOUSA, ALSO KNOWN AS ABU MOUSA, IS BACKED BY SYRIA, WHOSE TROOPS RECENTLY MOVED INTO THE SOUTHERN SUBURBS OF BEIRUT TO QUELL FIGHTING BETWEEN SHIITE MOSLEM MILITIAS.

ARAFAT'S RELATIONS WITH SYRIA REMAIN CHILLY, DESPITE A RECONCILIATION MEETING IN DAMASCUS IN APRIL AND ANOTHER SESSION IN ALGIERS, ALGERIA, LAST WEEK ON THE SIDELINES OF AN ARAB SUMMIT MEETING.

SYRIA AND THE PRO-ARAFAT WING OF THE PLO HAD BEEN AT ODDS SINCE SYRIA BACKED THE MUTINEERS IN 1983.

NO REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PRO-ARAFAT CAMP WAS PRESENT AT THE DAMASCUS TALKS, SAID THE DFLP OFFICIAL WHO REQUESTED ANONYMITY.

BUT HE ADDED THAT THE DFLP AND THE POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE, WHICH HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH BOTH FACTIONS OF FATAH WERE DESIGNATED TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS WITH ABU MOUSA.

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DAMASCUS - ADDS 3 GRAFS AFTER 4TH GRAF: ''THE DAMASCUS-BASED...THE BATTLES.'' TO ADD COMMENT FROM ABU MOUSA FACTION.
BUT A SPOKESMAN FOR MOUSA SAID YASSER ARAFAT'S MAINSTREAM FATAH GROUP DID NOT RESPOND TO THE CEASE-FIRE AND THAT ARAFAT WAS CONTINUING THE FIGHTING TO DESTROY HIS OPPOSITION.
''FROM OUR SIDE ONLY WE MADE A CEASE-FIRE''' SAID THE SPOKESMAN, WHO INSISTED HE NOT BE NAMED.
THE ABU MOUSA SPOKESMAN CLAIMED ARAFAT HOPED TO USE HIS RECENT STEPS TOWARD SYRIA ''TO FINISH THE PEOPLE AGAINST HIM'' AND TO REGAIN FULL CONTROL OF THE CAMPS WHERE SYRIAN-BACKED GROUPS HAVE A STRONG PRESENCE.
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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS
THREE KILLED, NINE WOUNDED IN INTER-PALESTINIAN CLASHES
BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - RIVAL PALESTINIAN FACTIONS BATTLED USING MORTARS AND ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADES IN SOUTH BEIRUT'S BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH REFUGEE CAMP SATURDAY. POLICE SAID THREE PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND NINE WOUNDED.

THE FIVE-HOUR CLASH PITTED GUERRILLAS OF DR. GEORGE HABASH'S MARXIST POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE AGAINST SYRIAN-BACKED FIGHTERS OF COL. SAEED MOUSA'S FATAH-UPRISING.

BOTH GROUPS WITHHELD COMMENT ON THE REASON FOR THE CLASH, WHICH DIED DOWN AT 8 A.M. (0500 GMT).

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE CLASH STOPPED AFTER NEUTRAL GUERRILLA GROUPS CALLED A CEASE-FIRE IN THE CAMP ON BEIRUT'S SOUTHERN EDGE.

''POLICE PATROLS COULDN'T ENTER THE CAMP TO LAUNCH AN INVESTIGATION,'' SAID THE SPOKESMAN, WHO CANNOT BE NAMED, IN LINE WITH STANDING REGULATIONS.

HE SAID THE CASUALTIES WERE EVACUATED TO HOSPITALS IN WEST BEIRUT.

THE PFLP OPERATES UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF YASSER ARAFAT'S PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION.

MOUSA, BETTER KNOWN BY HIS CODENAME OF ABU MOUSA, BROKE AWAY FROM THE PLO IN 1983 AND ESTABLISHED HEADQUARTERS IN DAMASCUS, THE SYRIAN CAPITAL.

GUERRILLAS OF ARAFAT'S MAINLINE FATAH GROUP EVACUATED BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH, THEIR LAST FOOTHOLD IN BEIRUT, ON JULY 8 AFTER THE CAMP FELL TO MOUSA'S FOLLOWERS.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS

4 KILLED IN CAMP FIGHTING, HOSPITAL SHELLED

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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - AT LEAST 20 MORTAR ROUNDS HIT THE ONLY HOSPITAL IN BEIRUT'S BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH REFUGEE CAMP TUESDAY IN FIGHTING BETWEEN YASSER ARAFAT'S GUERRILLAS AND SYRIAN-BACKED PALESTINIAN DISSIDENTS, PALESTINIAN OFFICIALS REPORTED.

POLICE SAID AT LEAST FOUR PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 15 WOUNDED IN THE BATTLES BETWEEN ARAFAT'S FATAH FACTION AND COL. SAEED MOUSA'S FATAH-UPRISING REBELS.

THAT RAISED THE KNOWN CASUALTY TOLL TO 155 KILLED AND 609 WOUNDED SINCE THE BATTLE FOR CONTROL OF BEIRUT'S CAMPS ERUPTED MAY 1. THE CURRENT FIGHTING FLARED MONDAY AFTER A WEEK-LONG LULL.

THICK BLACK SMOKE BILLOWED FROM BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH AS MOUSA'S GUNNERS, DEPLOYED IN SYRIAN-CONTROLLED HILLS IN THE MOUNTAINS OVERLOOKING BEIRUT, HAMMERED THE SHANTYTOWN WITH HEAVY MORTAR AND ROCKET FIRE FOR THE SECOND DAY, POLICE SAID.

AT ONE POINT, POLICE SAID SHELLS OR ROCKETS WERE HITTING THE ALREADY DEVASTATED SHANTYTOWN AT A RATE OF FIVE A MINUTE.

A FATAH OFFICIAL, SPEAKING ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY, SAID AT LEAST 20 SHELLS, MOST OF THEM 160MM MORTAR ROUNDS, HIT THE BATTERED FOUR-STORY HAIFA HOSPITAL DURING THE NIGHT, DAMAGING THE TOP TWO FLOORS.

THE OFFICIAL, REACHED BY TELEPHONE IN BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH, SAID NONE OF THE HOSPITAL PERSONNEL OR PATIENTS WAS HURT BY THE SHELLFIRE.

POLICE SAID NINE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED PALESTINIAN CIVILIANS WERE EVACUATED FROM THE CAMP BY AN ALGERIAN MEDICAL TEAM DURING A BRIEF LULL BEFORE SUNDOWN MONDAY.

A LIBYAN-SPONSORED CEASE-FIRE CALLED AT 9 P.M. (1800 GMT) MONDAY WAS REJECTED BY THE DISSIDENTS AND THE FIGHTING CONTINUED.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 1ST ADD

BEIRUT: FIGHTING CONTINUED

POLICE SAID THE AIRPORT HIGHWAY THAT RUNS PAST BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH WAS REOPENED TUESDAY AFTER FIGHTING FORCED ITS CLOSURE MONDAY.

THEY SAID ARAFAT'S LOYALISTS, DEFENDING THEIR LAST STRONGHOLD IN BEIRUT, WERE ONLY ABLE TO RESPOND TO THE HEAVILY ARMED DISSIDENTS WITH ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADES AND MACHINE GUN FIRE.

THE FATAH OFFICIAL SAID HIS MEN REPULSED FIVE NEW ATTEMPTS BY THE DISSIDENTS TO PUSH INTO THE CAMP SINCE SUNDOWN MONDAY.

MOUSA'S GUERRILLAS HAVE LAUNCHED AT LEAST 18 ASSAULTS SINCE MONDAY IN A BID TO REGAIN BASES THEY LOST IN THE CAMP WHEN ARAFAT'S FIGHTERS PUSHED THEM OUT SEVERAL WEEKS AGO.

THE DISSIDENTS OVERRAN THE NEARBY CHATILLA CAMP JUNE 27.

THAT WAS A SERIOUS SETBACK FOR ARAFAT, WHO HAS CALLED ON ARAB LEADERS TO HELP END THE FIGHTING.

FATAH OFFICIALS SAID THEIR MEN WERE DETERMINED TO DEFEND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH ''TO THE LAST MAN.''

PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION OFFICIALS SAID 80 PERCENT OF THE CAMP HAS BEEN RUINED BY SHELLING OVER THE LAST TWO MONTHS. ONLY 3,000 OF THE CAMP'S 20,000 RESIDENTS REMAIN IN SHELL-DAMAGED SHACKS.

SCORES OF CIVILIANS FLED THE CAMP DURING THE WEEK-LONG LULL AFTER CHATILLA FELL. MORE WERE SEEN CARRYING THEIR BELONGINGS AND FLEEING THE CAMP TUESDAY DESPITE THE SHELLING AND SNIPING.

THE CAMPS HAVE BEEN LARGELY DEVASTATED BY FIGHTING THAT BEGAN WHEN THE ISRAELIS INVADED LEBANON IN 1982.

ISRAELI-BACKED CHRISTIAN MILITIAMEN MASSACRED HUNDREDS OF REFUGEES IN THE BEIRUT CAMPS IN SEPTEMBER 1982.

SYRIAN-BACKED SHIITE MOSLEMS BESIGED THE CAMPS IN 1985, POUNDING THEM FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS IN AN ABORTIVE ATTEMPT TO DRIVE ARAFAT'S GUERRILLAS OUT OF BEIRUT.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 2ND ADD

BEIRUT: OF BEIRUT

MOUSA BROKE AWAY FROM ARAFAT'S PLO WITH OTHER RADICALS IN 1983 IN A SYRIAN-BACKED MUTINY AND SET UP HEADQUARTERS IN THE SYRIAN CAPITAL OF DAMASCUS.

THE BEIRUT FIGHTING HAS FLARED DESPITE A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN ARAFAT AND SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD IN DAMASCUS LAST APRIL TO END THEIR 5-YEAR-OLD FEUD OVER WHO SHOULD CONTROL THE PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT

ARAFAT HAS ACCUSED THE SYRIAN GOVERNMENT OF FOMENTING THE FIGHTING IN BEIRUT TO ASSERT ITS CONTROL OVER ALL THE MOSLEM SECTOR OF BEIRUT.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 2ND NL

EDS: UPDATES WITH ARAFAT'S MEN ALLOWED INTO SOUTH

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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - NEARLY 150 OF YASSER ARAFAT'S FATAH GUERRILLAS WERE EVACUATED FROM BEIRUT'S DEVASTATED CHATILLA REFUGEE CAMP TUESDAY AFTER IT WAS CAPTURED BY SYRIAN-BACKED RIVALS IN A BLOODY POWER STRUGGLE.

PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION LEADERS ACCUSED SYRIA OF AIDING AND ENCOURAGING THE DISSIDENTS OF COL. SAEED MOUSA'S FATAH-UPRISING FACTION TO CRUSH ARAFAT'S FORCES IN LEBANON.

THEY SAID THAT ENDANGERED A RECONCILIATION EFFORT BETWEEN ARAFAT AND SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD TO END A 5-YEAR-OLD FEUD OVER WHO WOULD CONTROL THE PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT.

THE LAST DIEHARD GROUP OF ABOUT 60 FATAH FIGHTERS EMERGED FROM CHATILLA AT 4 A.M. (0100 GMT) ESCORTED BY 30 LIBYAN SOLDIERS TO BE DRIVEN TO THE PORT OF SIDON, 25 MILES (40 KILOMETERS) SOUTH OF BEIRUT.

THE POPULAR LIBERATION ARMY, THE LEFTIST MILITIA THAT CONTROLS SIDON, REFUSED TO ALLOW THE FIVE-VEHICLE CHATILLA CONVOY INTO THE CITY. THEY BLOCKED THE HIGHWAY NORTH OF THE CITY WITH BURNING TIRES.

THE PLA'S LEADER, MUSTAFA SAAD, SAID IN A STATEMENT THAT HE FEARED THAT IF HE LET THE CONVOY THROUGH, SIDON WOULD BE FLOODED WITH OTHER PALESTINIANS FLEEING THE BEIRUT FIGHTING.

POLICE SAID THE PLA, AFTER DAY-LONG MEETINGS WITH LIBYAN MEDIATORS, LATER ALLOWED THE 147 GUERRILLAS TO BE DRIVEN IN AMBULANCES TO THE EIN EL-HILWEH PALESTINIAN CAMP ON THE CITY'S OUTSKIRTS.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID 13 WOUNDED GUERRILLAS WERE TAKEN TO HOSPITAL FOR TREATMENT. HE COULD NOT CONFIRM THAT THEY WERE AMONG 18 WOUNDED FIGHTERS TAKEN OUT OF CHATILLA.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 2ND NL-1ST ADD

BEIRUT: OF CHATILLA

THEY INCLUDED FATAH'S COMMANDER IN CHATILLA, YOUSSEF SHARKAWI, AND HIS DEPUTY, IDENTIFIED ONLY BY HIS NOM DE GUERRE OF MADER.

THE BODIES OF TWO PALESTINIANS, A MAN AND HIS FIANCEE, WERE ALSO CARRIED FROM CHATILLA ON STRETCHERS.

THE GUERRILLAS WERE GREETED AT EIN EL-HILWEH BY ULULATING WOMEN AND PALESTINIAN FIGHTERS SHOOTING IN THE AIR, POLICE REPORTED.

MOUSA'S GUERRILLAS OVERRAN CHATILLA MONDAY IN A 13-HOUR BATTLE AFTER A FEROCIOUS BARRAGE THAT LEVELLED WHAT WAS LEFT OF THE CAMP, REPEATEDLY BATTERED IN FIGHTING SINCE 0982.

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THE PLO'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MONDAY OPENLY BLAMED ASSAD FOR THE BEIRUT FIGHTING IN WHICH, BY LEBANESE POLICE COUNT, AT LEAST 127 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED AND 527 WOUNDED SINCE MAY 1.

THE HARSHLY WORDED STATEMENT DID NOT SAY WHAT IMPACT THE BEIRUT BATTLES WOULD HAVE ON THE RECONCILIATION PROCESS BETWEEN ARAFAT AND ASSAD.

BUT IT ACCUSED ASSAD OF USING HIS SURROGATES TO NEUTRALIZE ARAFAT'S POWER IN THE BEIRUT CAMPS.

SALAH KHALAF, ARAFAT'S DEPUTY, WAS QUOTED BY THE LONDON-BASED MIDEAST MIRROR NEWSLETTER TUESDAY AS SAYING IN AN INTERVIEW THAT THE BEIRUT FIGHTING ''CONSTITUTES A A BIG SETBACK FOR SYRIAN-PALESTINIAN RELATIONS.''

HE ACCUSED DAMASCUS OF SEEKING TO UNDERMINE ARAFAT AND ELIMINATE THE PLO UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP AS A FORCE AND PREDICTED THAT INTER-PALESTINIAN FEUDING IS LIKELY NOW TO ERUPT IN SOUTH LEBANON AS WELL.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 2ND NL-2ND ADD
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RELATIVES OF SOME OF THE FATAH FIGHTERS, WHO HAD BEEN TRAPPED WITH THEM IN THEIR LAST STRONGHOLD IN CHATILLA, INSISTED ON GOING WITH THE MEN TO ARAFAT'S BASES IN SIDON.
BUT ABOUT 100 OTHER WOMEN WHO HAD FLED THE CAMP EARLIER DURING THE CLASHES WERE NOT ALLOWED TO JOIN THEIR MENFOLK WHEN THEY DROVE OFF.
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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, NIGHT LD-WRITETHRU

ARAFAT LOYALISTS EVACUATE BEIRUT CAMP, BLOCKED FROM SOUTH

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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - NEARLY 150 OF YASSER ARAFAT'S FATAH GUERRILLAS WERE EVACUATED FROM BEIRUT'S DEVASTATED CHATILLA REFUGEE CAMP TUESDAY AFTER IT WAS CAPTURED BY SYRIAN-BACKED RIVALS IN A BLOODY POWER STRUGGLE.

THE LAST DIEHARD GROUP OF ABOUT 60 FATAH FIGHTERS EMERGED FROM THE RUINS OF CHATILLA AT 4 A.M. (0100 GMT) ESCORTED BY 30 LIBYAN SOLDIERS TO BE DRIVEN TO THE PORT OF SIDON, 25 MILES (40 KILOMETERS) SOUTH OF BEIRUT.

THE BODIES OF TWO PALESTINIANS, A MAN AND HIS FIANCEE, WERE CARRIED ON STRETCHERS FROM THE SHELL-BLASTED CAMP TO AMBULANCES.

EIGHTEEN WOUNDED FIGHTERS WERE AMONG THE 147 GUERRILLAS TAKEN OUT OF THE CAMP. THEY INCLUDED CHATILLA'S FATAH COMMANDER, YOUSSEF SHARKAWI, AND HIS DEPUTY, IDENTIFIED ONLY BY HIS NOM DE GUERRE OF NADER.

THE SYRIANS HAD INSISTED ON ARRESTING SHARKAWI, NADER AND ANOTHER FATAH OFFICER, A WOMAN NAMED AMNEH JIBRIL. BUT ALL THREE WERE DRIVEN AWAY IN A LIBYAN CAR WITH THE CONVOY.

GUERRILLAS OF COL. SAEED MOUSA'S FATAH-UPRISING FACTION OVERRAN CHATILLA MONDAY IN A 13-HOUR BATTLE AFTER A FEROCIOUS BARRAGE THAT LEVELLED WHAT WAS LEFT OF THE CAMP, REPEATEDLY BATTERED IN FIGHTING SINCE 1982.

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THE FIGHTING HAS JEOPARDIZED AN APRIL RECONCILIATION BETWEEN ARAFAT, CHAIRMAN OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, AND SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD TO END A 5-YEAR-OLD FEUD OVER WHO WOULD CONTROL THE PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, NL-1ST ADD

BEIRUT: PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT

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THE HARSHLY WORDED STATEMENT DID NOT SAY WHAT IMPACT THE BEIRUT BATTLES WOULD HAVE ON THE RECONCILIATION PROCESS. BUT IT ACCUSED ASSAD OF USING HIS SURROGATES TO NEUTRALIZE ARAFAT'S POWER IN THE BEIRUT CAMPS.

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SYRIAN SOLDIERS TUESDAY CONFISCATED WEAPONS FROM ARAFAT'S EXHAUSTED, UNSHAVEN MEN AS THEY CAME OUT OF CHATILLA AND SEARCHED THEM BEFORE ALLOWING THEM TO BOARD TRUCKS FOR THE TRIP TO SIDON.

RELATIVES OF SOME OF THE FIGHTERS, WHO HAD BEEN TRAPPED WITH THEM IN THEIR LAST STRONGHOLD IN CHATILLA, INSISTED ON GOING WITH THE MEN TO ARAFAT'S BASES IN SIDON.

BUT ABOUT 100 OTHER WOMEN WHO HAD FLED THE CAMP EARLIER DURING THE 2-MONTH BATTLE WERE NOT ALLOWED TO JOIN THEIR MENFOLK WHEN THEY DROVE OFF.

THE GUERRILLAS' WEAPONS WERE GIVEN BACK TO THEM AFTER THEY CROSSED THE SYRIANS' SOUTHERN CHECKPOINT ON THE AWALI RIVER JUST NORTH OF SIDON. THE SYRIAN ESCORT RETURNED TO BEIRUT.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 2ND ADD

BEIRUT: TO BEIRUT

THE POPULAR LIBERATION ARMY, THE LEFTIST MILITIA THAT CONTROLS SIDON, REFUSED TO ALLOW THE FIVE-VEHICLE CHATILLA CONVOY INTO THE CITY.

THEY BLOCKED THE HIGHWAY NORTH OF SIDON WITH BURNING TIRES. THE PLA'S LEADER, MUSTAFA SAAD, SAID IN A STATEMENT THAT HE FEARED THAT IF HE LET THE CONVOY THROUGH, SIDON WOULD BE FLOODED WITH OTHER PALESTINIANS FLEEING THE BEIRUT FIGHTING.

LIBYAN OFFICERS MET PLA OFFICIALS IN AN EFFORT TO GET THE EVACUEES INTO SIDON, WHERE THERE ARE SEVERAL PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMPS. THE CITY, LIKE MOST PALESTINIANS, IS PREDOMINANTLY SUNNI MOSLEM.

THE PLA LATER ALLOWED 12 WOMEN AND FOUR CHILDREN INTO SIDON. MRS. JIBRIL STAYED WITH THE GUERRILLAS, WHO SET UP CAMP IN PALM GROVES BY THE BEACHSIDE HIGHWAY.

A PLO OFFICIAL SAID 70 PERCENT OF BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH HAS BEEN DEVASTATED IN THE BOMBARDMENT BY MOUSA'S GUNNERS. ONLY 3,000 OF ITS 20,000 POPULATION REMAINED.

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SYRIAN-BACKED SHIITE MOSLEMS BESIEGED THE CAMPS AGAIN IN 1985, HAMMERING THEM FOR TWO YEARS IN AN ABORTIVE BID TO PREVENT ARAFAT REBUILDING THE POWER BASE HE LOST IN THE 1982 INVASION.

SABRA WAS OVERRUN AND RAZED TO THE GROUND. CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH HELD OUT UNTIL THE SHIITE SIEGE WAS LIFTED EARLIER THIS YEAR.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 1ST LD

EDS: CORRECTS THAT LEBANESE, NOT PALESTININA FACTION, BLOCKING LOYALISTS, SYRIANS NOT INVOLVED IN NEGOTIATIONS AT AWALI, CONFISCATED WEPAONS HANDED BACK

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TWO PALESTINIAN CORPSES, A MAN AND HIS FIANCE, WERE CARRIED ON STRETCHERS FROM THE BOMBED CAMP TO TWO WAITING AMBULANCES.

THE CONVOY CARRYING 147 GUERRILLAS AND THEIR FAMILIES LATER WAS STOPPED ON A ROAD LEADING INTO THE SOUTHERN PORT TOWN OF SIDON, ABOUT 25 MILES (40 KMS) SOUTH OF BEIRUT, WHILE LIBYAN ESCORTS TRIED TO PERSUADE A LEFTIST LEBANESE MILITIA THAT CONTROLS THE CITY TO LET THE PALESTINIAN EVACUEES TO ENTER.

SYRIAN OFFICERS WHO ACCOMPANIED THE CONVOY FROM BEIRUT TURNED BACK, LEAVING THE GUERRILLAS AND LIBYANS AT THE AWALI RIVER.

A TOTAL OF 127 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED AND 527 WOUNDED SINCE MAY 1, WHEN FIGHTING BROKE OUT BETWEEN LOYALISTS AND OPPONENTS TO ARAFAT IN CHATILLA AND THE NEARBY BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH REFUGEE CAMP.

SYRIAN-BACKED PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION DISSIDENTS OVERRAN CHATILLA IN A 13-HOUR BATTLE MONDAY. MOST OF ARAFAT'S 200 FIGHTERS SURRENDERED, TURNING THEMSELVES OVER TO SYRIAN AND LIBYAN OFFICERS.

ONLY 60 LOYALISTS, MANY WEARING COMBAT FATIGUES AND CARRYING AUTOMATIC RIFLES OR PISTOLS, HELD OUT UNTIL 4 A.M. (0100 GMT), WHEN THEY EMERGED FROM CHATILLA'S RUINS ESCORTED BY 30 LIBYAN MILITARY OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 1ST LD-1ST ADD

BEIRUT: AND SOLDIERS.

FAMILIES, WHO WERE TRAPPED WITH THE GUERRILLAS IN A 30-SQUARE-METER (YARD) AREA OF CHATILLA, INSISTED ON GOING WITH THE EVACUEES TO ARAFAT'S BASES IN SOUTH LEBANON'S CITY OF SIDON.

REPORTERS COVERING THE EVENT WATCHED AS SYRIAN SOLDIERS AT THE CHECKPOINT AT CHATILLA'S ENTRANCE SEARCHED THE EVACUEES AND CONFISCATED THEIR ARMS BEFORE THE BEATEN LOYALISTS WERE PUT IN THREE TRUCKS.

ONLY ARAFAT'S OFFICERS AMONG THE EVACUEES WERE ALLOWED TO TAKE THEIR PISTOLS AND WIRELESS RADIOS WITH THEM.

BUT AT AWALI, THE SYRIANS RETURNED THE WEAPONS TO THE GUERRILLAS.

EIGHTEEN LOYALIST, 3RD GRAF 1ST ADD

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS,0256
ARAFAT'S LOYALITS EVACUATE BEIRUT REFUGEE CAMP
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MOST OF ARAFAT'S 200 FIGHTERS HAVE SURRENDERED. ABOUT 140 OF ARAFAT'S MEN IN THE CAMP TURNED THEMSELVES OVER TO SYRIAN AND LIBYAN OFFICERS.

THE REMAINING 60 LOYALISTS, MANY WEARING COMBAT FATIGUES AND CARRYING AUTOMATIC RIFLES OR PISTOLS, EMERGED FROM CHATILLA'S RUINS AT 4 A.M. (0100 GMT), ESCORTED BY 30 LIBYAN MILITARY OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS.

THEIR FAMILIES, WHO WERE TRAPPED WITH THE GUERRILLAS IN A 30-SQUARE-METER (YARD) AREA OF CHATILLA, INSISTED ON GOING WITH THE EVACUEES TO ARAFAT'S BASES IN SOUTH LEBANON'S CITY OF SIDON.
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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 1ST ADD,0239

BEIRUT, OF SIDON.

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EIGHTEEN LOYALIST CASUALTIES, ALL WITH MINOR INJURIES, WERE TAKEN IN TWO AMBULANCES.

ABOUT 100 MOTHERS, WIVES OR SISTERS OF THE EVACUEES, WHO FLED CHATILLA WHEN THE FIGHTING BEGAN TWO MONTHS AGO, WAITED NEARBY ALL NIGHT FOR THE FAMILY REUNION.

BUT THE SYRIANS ORDERED THE GUERRILLAS STRAIGHT INTO THE TRUCKS, KEEPING THEM FROM EMBRACING THEIR RELATIVES.

THE WOMEN, TEARS IN THEIR EYES, WAVED AS THE EVACUEES CLIMBED INTO THE TRUCKS.

REPORTERS TOURING CHATILLA SAW LITTLE LEFT INTACT IN THE 200-SQARE-METER (YARD) CAMP AFTER TWO MONTHS OF INDISRIMINATE SHELLING BY THE DISSIDENTS.

AMONG THE EVACUEES WERE CHATILLA'S COMMANDER YOUSSEF SHARKAWI, HIS SECOND-IN-COMMAND WHO GOES BY NADER, AND HIS ASSISTANT, AMNEH JIBRIL, A WOMEN.

SHARKAWI AND NADER WERE AMONG THE IJURED.

THE SYRIANS, WHO HAD INSISTED ON ARRESTING SHARKAWI, NADER AND MRS. JIBRIL, WERE ECORTED BY LIBYAN OFFICERS AND TAKEN AWAY IN A CAR. THEIR DESTINATION WAS UNKNOWN.

THE DISSIDENTS, FOLLOWERS OF COL. SAEED MOUSA'S SYRIAN-SUPPORTED FATAH-UPRISING FACTION, DISCOVERED A LARGE AMMUNITION DUMP THAT BELONGED TO ARAFAT'S FATAH GUERRILLAS IN CHATILLA, A PALESTINIAN OFFICIAL SAID.

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BEIRUT: OFFICIAL SAID.

THE FALL OF CHATILLA WAS A SERIOUS SETBACK FOR FATAH WHICH HAS BEEN FIGHTING THE DISSIDENTS FOR THE LAST TWO MONTHS FOR CONTROL OF THE BEIRUT SLUMS.

A PLO OFFICIAL SAID 70 PERCENT OF BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH WAS DEVASTATED IN THE LATEST BOMBARDMENT. ONLY 3,000 AMONG ITS 20,000 POPULATION REMAIN.

SYRIA HAS THOUSANDS OF TROOPS ENFORCING SECURITY IN WEST AND SOUTH BEIRUT. BUT THEY HAVE MADE NO MOVE TO STOP THE FIGHTING, WHICH HAS FLARED DESPITE A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN ARAFAT AND SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD IN APRIL TO END A 5-YEAR-OLD FEUD.

WHEN THE CONVOY REACHED THE AWALI RIVER ON SIDON'S SOUTHERN ENTRANCE, NASSERITE MILITIAMEN OF MUSTAFA SAAD'S POPULAR LIBERATION ARMY, WHO CONTROL SIDON, STOPPED IT AND PREVENTED IT TO ENTER, REPORTERS ON THE SCENE SAID.

THEY SAID PLA MILITIAMEN BLOCKED THE AWALI WITH BURNING TIRES AND PREVENTED REPORTERS FROM APPROACHING THE CONVOY.

SAAD ON MONDAY HAD SAID WILL NOT ALLOW EVACUATED FATAH GUERRILLAS INTO SIDON.

LIBYAN OFFICERS WERE REPORTED EXERTING ALL EFFORT TO TALK SAAD INTO ALLOWING THE LOYALISTS TO ENTER THE TOWN.

CHATILLA AND OTHER CAMPS WERE BESIEGED BY THE ISRAELIS IN THEIR 1982 INVASION OF LEBANON AND POUNDED FOR MONTHS BY AIR RAIDS AND SHELLFIRE.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 2ND ADD-CORRECTION,0056
BEIRUT: TO CORRECT LOCATION, SUB FOR 4TH GRAF: WHEN THE ... SCENE SAID.
WHEN THE CONVOY REACHED THE AWALI RIVER ON SIDON'S NORTHERN ENTRANCE, NASSERITE MILITIAMEN OF MUSTAFA SAAD'S POPULAR LIBERATION ARMY, WHO CONTROL SIDON, STOPPED IT AND PREVENTED IT TO ENTER, REPORTERS ON THE SCENE SAID.
THEY SAID, 5TH GRAF

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hi this ed in nic. re pals, whoxxx why are uprising chappies blocking libyans pls? gaꝛ
we unhave explanation.
the assumed explanation is that the uprising boys do not want a cease-fire cause they know that arafat's losing and want to maintain the pressure until they force the pro-arafat guys to evacuate. ok? gap
but what is the reason for the friction with libyans? ideological or what? ga
the uprising guys are pro-syrian and the libyans are libyans. so if libyans interfere they will emerge as the some sort of protectors of the palestinian people . tnhis will challange syria's role and make the syrians appear as if they are the ones who want the arafatis out and the libyans are protecting them. in fact the syrians want the arafatis out, but we avoiding any direct unattributed accusation of the syrians for reasons u know. ok? gap
ok well seem recall we've had abu iyad and plo exec ctte al pointing finger at syriuans in this regard so u have any obhjxx objection if we say so. ga
no objection aslong as u clearly attribute the accusations w toq whoever said them. gap
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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, NIGHT LD-WRITETHRU

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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - PALESTINIAN FIGHTERS LOYAL TO THE FATAH FACTION OF YASSER ARAFAT LOST THEIR LAST POSITION IN BEIRUT TO A REBEL FACTION FRIDAY WHEN 120 GUERRILLAS EVACUATED THE DEVASTATED REFUGEE CAMP OF BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH.

TWO POLICE BUSES, TWO TRUCKS, THREE JEEPS AND TWO AMBULANCES DROVE ARAFAT'S GUERRILLAS FROM THE CAMP EARLY IN THE DAY TO SIDON, 25 MILES (40 KILOMETERS) SOUTH OF BEIRUT.

BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH FELL TO COL. SAEED MOUSA'S FATAH-UPRISING LATE THURSDAY, AFTER MORE THAN TWO MONTHS OF BLOODY FIGHTING. FATAH-UPRISING IS NOT RECOGNIZED BY THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, WHICH ARAFAT CHAIRS.

ARAFAT'S GUERRILLAS, WEARING BLACK HEADBANDS AND GREEN FATIGUES, EMERGED FROM THE RUINS OF THE SHATTERED REFUGEE CAMP AT 7 A.M. (0400 GMT).

CARRYING WITH AK-47 ASSAULT RIFLES AND WAVING PHOTOGRAPHS OF ARAFAT AND PALESTINIAN FLAGS, THE FIGHTERS QUIETLY BOARDED THE VEHICLES FOR THE EVACUATION TRIP.

MOUSA'S JUBILANT MEN, WATCHING FROM A DISTANCE, MADE THE V-FOR-VICTORY SIGN AS ARAFAT'S LOYALISTS WITHDREW FROM THE CAMP.

TWO WOUNDED FATAH GUERRILLAS WERE CARRIED ON STRETCHERS TO THE AMBULANCES THAT WAITED NEAR THE SYRIAN-GUARDED ENTRANCE TO THE SHANTYTOWN.

THE EVACUEES, INCLUDING SIX WOMEN FIGHTERS, ARE THE LAST GROUP OF ARAFAT'S GUERRILLAS IN BEIRUT.

ISRAEL'S INVADING ARMY FORCED ARAFAT AND HIS FIGHTERS TO EVACUATE THE BESIEGED LEBANESE CAPITAL BY SEA IN 1982.

POLICE HAS SAID THAT AT LEAST 5,000 HARDCORE PLO GUERRILLAS HAVE FILTERED BACK TO LEBANON SINCE THEN. MOST OF THEM WERE BASED IN THE SIDON REGION.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, NL-1ST ADD

BEIRUT: SIDON REGION.

BY POLICE COUNT, 127 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED AND 527 WOUNDED SINCE THE FIGHTING BROKE OUT MAY 1 BETWEEN ARAFAT'S FOLLOWERS AND THOSE OF MOUSA FOR CONTROL OVER BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH AND THE NEARBY CHATILLA CAMP.

CHATILLA FELL TO MOUSA'S GUERRILLAS JUNE 27. A DAY LATER, THE CAMP'S 147 FATAH DEFENDERS WERE EVACUATED TO SIDON WHERE THEY JOINED THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION BASES IN THE AREA.

A SYRIAN 1ST LIEUTENANT AND FOUR SOLDIERS IN A JEEP ACCOMPANIED THE EVACUEES FRIDAY FROM BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH TO THE AWALI BRIDGE AT THE NORTHERN ENTRANCE TO SIDON. SYRIAN TROOPS POLICE THE COASTAL HIGHWAY THAT CONNECTS BEIRUT WITH SOUTH LEBANON.

THREE LEFTIST LEBANESE MILITIAS SUPERVISED THE EVACUATION AT THE REQUEST OF SULTAN ABUL-AINEN, THE COMMANDER OF FATAH FORCES IN BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PROGRESSIVE SOCIALIST PARTY, THE LEBANESE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE SYRIAN SOCIAL NATIONALIST PARTY SUPERVISED THE EVACUATION FROM BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH AND DROVE WITH ARAFAT'S LOYALISTS TO SIDON.

THE EVACUEES ARRIVED AT SIDON'S EIN EL-HILWEH REFUGEE CAMP AT 8:15 A.M. (0515 GMT) TO A WARM WELCOME FROM FELLOW FATAH GUERRILLAS.

''THE HEROES ARE WELCOME AMONGST THEIR BROTHERS,'' CHANTED A GROUP OF GUERRILLAS AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE CAMP, FIRING THEIR AUTOMATIC RIFLES IN THE AIR IN THE TRADITIONAL WELCOME.

WOMEN ULULATED AND THREW RICE AND ROSE WATER AT THE CONVOY AS IT DROVE SLOWLY INTO THE SHANTYTOWN, THE LARGEST PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMP IN LEBANON WITH A POPULATION OF NEARLY 50,000.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, NL-2ND ADD

BEIRUT: NEARLY 50,000.

ABUL-AINEN, TALKING TO REPORTERS AT EIN EL-HILWEH, SAID FATAH FIGHTERS WERE OUSTED FROM BEIRUT ''AS A RESULT OF AN AMERICAN-SYRIAN PLOT.''

''THE PLOT AIMS AT FINISHING THE PLO,'' ABUL-AINEN CHARGED. HE WOULD NOT ELABORATE.

MOUSA, WITH SYRIA'S BACKING, BROKE AWAY FROM THE PLO IN 1983 AND ESTABLISHED HEADQUARTERS IN DAMASCUS, THE SYRIAN CAPITAL.

MOUSA'S FOLLOWERS AND ARAFAT'S LOYALISTS FOUGHT IT OUT IN BEIRUT IN THE PAST TWO MONTHS DESPITE A RECONCILIATION MEETING BETWEEN THE GUERRILLA CHIEFTAIN AND SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD IN DAMASCUS LAST APRIL.

THE PLO HAS CHARGED THAT SYRIA, DESPITE THE RECONCILIATION, WAS BEHIND THE FIGHTING TO DRIVE ARAFAT'S FORCES OUT OF BEIRUT.

SYRIA HAS DENIED ANY INVOLVEMENT. BUT DAMASCUS RADIO, REPORTING THE SYRIAN ROLE IN THE EVACUATION ON FRIDAY, REFERRED TO ''ARAFAT'S ELEMENTS OF TROUBLE AND FIGHTING.''

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LEBANON-CAMPS,0218

NO PEACE FOR PALESTINIANS IN BATTLE-TORN BEIRUT CAMPS

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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - UMM ISSAM, A PALESTINIAN WOMAN, CRADLED HER INFANT GRANDDAUGHTER IN HER ARMS AND SURVEYED THE RUINS OF HER CEMENT BLOCK SHANTY IN THE CHATILLA CAMP.

THE SHANTY WAS VIRTUALLY FLATTENED BY A SHELL A FEW DAYS AGO DURING FIGHTING BETWEEN PALESTINIAN FACTIONS, THE FOURTH TIME IT'S BEEN DESTROYED SINCE 1982.

THOUSANDS OF PALESTINIANS IN BEIRUT'S REFUGEE CAMPS HAVE BEEN KILLED OVER THE YEARS IN VARIOUS CLASHES INVOLVING THE ISRAELIS, LEBANON'S RIGHT-WING CHRISTIANS, AND SYRIAN-BACKED SHIITE MOSLEMS.

NOW IT IS DISSIDENT PALESTINIANS WHO ARE POUNDING THE SHANTYTOWNS INTO RUBBLE.

CHATILLA, OR WHAT WAS LEFT OF IT FROM THE EARLIER BATTLES, IS NOW IN RUINS AFTER GUERRILLAS OF COL. SAEED MOUSA'S FATAH-UPRISING FACTION OVERRAN IT JUNE 27, OUSTING YASSER ARAFAT'S FATAH LOYALISTS.

BEIRUT'S OTHER MAJOR CAMP, BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH, LOOKS ON THE VERGE OF FALLING AS WELL AFTER TWO MONTHS OF FIGHTING.

IN SIX YEARS, UMM ISSAM HAS LOST HER HUSBAND AND ALL FOUR SONS IN THE VARIOUS BATTLES FOR CHATILLA.

HER LAST SON WAS KILLED IN THE FIERCE BOMBARDMENT OF CHATILLA BY MOUSA'S GUNNERS IN SYRIAN-CONTROLLED WEST BEIRUT AND THE MOUNTAINS THAT OVERLOOK THE CITY FROM THE EAST.

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LEBANON-CAMPS, 1ST ADD,0290

BEIRUT, LEBANON: THE EAST.

''I LOST ONE SON DURING THE ISRAELI INVASION AND TWO OTHERS IN THE SHIITE WAR. MY DAUGHTER-IN-LAW WAS KILLED BY THE SHIITES AS WELL. MY HUSBAND WAS SLAUGHTERED IN THE MASSACRE BY ISRAELI COLLABORATORS, THE CHRISTIANS, SIX YEARS AGO,'' SHE SAID.

''NOW THESE INVADERS HAVE KILLED MY LAST REMAINING SON AS WELL. MY 1-YEAR-OLD GRANDDAUGHTER AND I ARE ALL THAT'S LEFT. MY HOME IS A PILE OF A RUBBLE. WE'VE GOT NOWHERE TO GO.

''EACH TIME IT WAS BLOWN UP I USED TO REPAIR IT. BUT THIS TIME IT'S DIFFERENT. NO WAY WILL I LIVE WITH THESE DEVILS,'' SHE SAID AS MOUSA'S FIGHTERS MOVED THROUGH THE RUINS.

A 79-YEAR-OLD MAN, WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF ONLY AS ABU MARWAN -- FATHER OF MARWAN -- STOOD AMID THE DEBRIS OF HIS HOME.

''I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT OUR BROTHERS DID WHAT THEY DID TO US. THEY KILLED THEIR OWN FLESH AND BLOOD. THEY DESTROYED THEIR OWN CAMP,'' HE SAID.

ABU MARWAN SAID HE HAS BEEN DISPLACED 10 TIMES SINCE HE MOVED TO LEBANON IN 1948 WHEN ISRAEL WAS ESTABLISHED IN WHAT USED TO BE PALESTINE.

THE ATTACK BY THEIR OWN PEOPLE HAS LEFT THE PALESTINIANS IN THE CAMPS SHAKEN AND AFRAID. MANY ARE FLEEING WITH WHAT BELONGINGS THEY CAN CARRY, DODGING THE SNIPERS AND SHELLFIRE.

''WE'VE SURVIVED EVERYTHING FROM THE ISRAELI INVASION TO THE SHIITE SIEGE. WE DON'T WANT TO BE MASSACRED BY OUR OWN BROTHERS,'' SAID ONE WOMAN AS SHE LEFT NEARBY BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH CAMP WITH HER FOUR CHILDREN.

PLO OFFICIALS SAID 70 PERCENT OF THE ALREADY BATTERED BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH HAS BEEN DEVASTATED IN THE DISSIDENTS' BOMBARDMENT. ONLY 3,000 OF ITS 20,000 POPULATION REMAIN.

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LEBANON-CAMPS, 2ND ADD,0257

BEIRUT, LEBANON: POPULATION REMAIN.

THE PALESTINIANS SEE THE LATEST BOUT OF FIGHTING AS A CONTINUATION OF THE SIEGE BY THE SYRIAN-BACKED SHIITE AMAL MILITIA FROM MAY 1985 TO APRIL THIS YEAR.

IT WAS KNOWN AS ''THE WAR OF THE CAMPS,'' ONE OF THOSE SIDESHOW BATTLES BETWEEN LEBANON'S FRACTIOUS MILITIAS AND PRIVATE ARMIES THAT HAVE RAGED WITHIN THE 13-YEAR-OLD CIVIL WAR BETWEEN LEBANON'S CHRISTIANS AND MOSLEMS.

AMAL, ARMED BY SYRIA, COULDN'T CONQUER THE CAMPS DESPITE HEAVY BOMBARDMENTS AND ASSAULTS THAT WERE REPULSED BY THE PALESTINIAN FIGHTERS, WITH THE VARIOUS FACTIONS SETTING ASIDE THEIR DIFFERENCES WITH ARAFAT TO DEFEND THEIR PEOPLE.

NOW, THE SYRIANS HAVE SENT IN THEIR PALESTINIAN ALLIES, WHO ARE OPPOSED TO ARAFAT'S POLICIES, TO FINISH THE JOB.

IT ALL STEMS FROM A FEUD BETWEEN ARAFAT AND SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD, WHO HAS LONG SOUGHT TO CONTROL THE PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT FOR HIS OWN POLITICAL ENDS.

ASSAD ENGINEERED A MUTINY BY MOUSA AND OTHER RADICAL FACTIONS IN 1983, AFTER ARAFAT HAD BEEN DRIVEN OUT OF WEST BEIRUT BY THE ISRAELIS. THE DISSIDENTS FINALLY PUSHED HIM OUT OF HIS LAST LEBANESE STRONGHOLD IN THE NORTHERN PORT OF TRIPOLI AFTER BITTER FIGHTING.

ARAFAT BEGAN MOVING BACK INTO LEBANON IN 1985, SEEKING TO REBUILD HIS FORMER POWER BASE.

WHEN THE SHIITES FAILED TO DESTROY ARAFAT BETWEEN 1985 AND APRIL THIS YEAR, FATAH SAYS THE SYRIANS TURNED MOUSA'S MEN LOOSE.

THE PALESTINIAN BLOODBATH BEGAN DESPITE A MUCH-PUBLICISED RECONCILIATION MEETING BETWEEN ARAFAT AND ASSAD IN DAMASCUS IN APRIL.

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LEBANON-CAMPS, 3RD ADD,0098
REPEATING
BEIRUT, LEBANON: IN APRIL.
''OUR BROTHERS HURT US MORE THAN THE ISRAELIS, OUR ENEMIES,''
SAID IBTISAM, A 19-YEAR-OLD PALESTINIAN WOMAN AS SHE PACKED WHAT
SHE WAS ABLE TO SALVAGE FROM HER SHACK IN CHATILLA.
IT WAS DEMOLISHED WHEN IT TOOK A DIRECT 160-MM MORTAR HIT,
KILLING HER PARENTS.
HUNDREDS LIKE HER LOST RELATIVES AND HOMES IN THE SHELLING BY
MOUSA'S GUNNERS.
FATAH'S FORMER COMMANDER IN CHATILLA, YOUSSEF SHARKAWI, WHO WAS
WOUNDED IN THE CHEST, HEAD AND RIGHT HAND, SAID: ''COMPARED TO THE
MUTINEERS, THE ISRAELI ENEMY IS CIVILIZED.''
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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, NIGHT LD-WRITETHRU
EDS: UPDATES
ALGERIAN MEDIATORS PULL OUT, FIGHTING FLARE ANEW
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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - INTER-PALESTINIAN FIGHTING FLARED ANEW IN THE BOURJ EL-BRAJNEH REFUGEE CAMP WEDNESDAY AFTER THE COLLAPSE OF ALGERIAN-SPONSORED NEGOTIATIONS FOR A PEACEFUL WITHDRAWAL OF YASSER ARAFAT'S LOYALISTS FROM THEIR LAST BEIRUT STRONGHOLD.

POLICE SAID THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION CHAIRMAN'S SUPPORTERS AND SYRIAN-BACKED RIVALS OF COL. SAEED MOUSA'S FATAH-UPRISING BREAKAWAY FACTION TRADED MORTAR AND ROCKET FIRE AFTER THREE ALGERIAN ENVOYS PULLED OUT FROM THE CAMP.

THE ALGERIANS, HEADED BY MOHAMMED TAHER, A FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, WOULD NOT SAY WHY THE TALKS COLLAPSED. THE NEGOTIATIONS HAD ALSO INCLUDED SYRIAN ARMY OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE TWO WARRING FACTIONS AS WELL AS LEFTIST LEBANESE GROUPS.

POLICE SAID THEY DID NOT HAVE FRESH CASUALTY REPORTS ON WEDNESDAY. BUT THEIR LATEST COUNT HAD PLACED THE OVERALL TOLL AT 158 PEOPLE KILLED AND 618 WOUNDED SINCE FIGHTING FOR CONTROL OF BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH AND THE NEARBY CHATILLA CAMP ERUPTED MAY 1.

CHATILLA WAS OVERRUN BY THE PLO DISSIDENTS ON JUNE 27.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN, WHO CANNOT BE NAMED UNDER STANDING REGULATIONS, SAID THE MEDIATORS HAD BEEN ''WORKING ON A PLAN'' TO EVACUATE THE LAST GROUP OF ARAFAT'S MAINSTREAM FATAH GUERRILLAS, AN ESTIMATED 100 MEN, FROM THE CAMP TO SOUTH LEBANON.

A FATAH OFFICIAL IN BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH, REACHED BY TELEPHONE, SAID ''POLITICAL EFFORTS ARE BEING MADE TO DETERMINE THE FATE OF THE CAMP.''

THE OFFICIAL, SPEAKING ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY, SAID FATAH GUERRILLAS HAVE ''ACCEPTED THE EVACUATION IDEA IN PRINCIPLE, BUT ARE DEMANDING GUARANTEES THAT THEY WILL NOT BE ATTACKED WHEN THEY LEAVE THE CAMP.''

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, NL-1ST ADD
BEIRUT: THE CAMP.''
HE SAID ABOUT 150 FATAH FIGHTERS HAVE LEFT THE CAMP ''PEACEFULLY'' SINCE THE LATEST BOUT OF FIGHTING ERUPTED MONDAY, SHATTERING A WEEK-LONG LULL. FORTY OTHER ARAFAT LOYALISTS FLED AFTER THE FALL OF CHATILLA.

THE ALGERIANS WERE TO GUARANTEE THE SAFE CONDUCT FOR THE WITHDRAWING FIGHTERS. FATAH ALSO ASKED THAT OTHER PLO FACTIONS THAT HAD NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN THE FIGHTING ESCORT THE GUERRILLAS ON THE 25-MILE (40-KILOMETER) TRIP TO SIDON, WHERE ARAFAT HAS HIS MAIN BASES IN SOUTH LEBANON.

A FATAH-UPRISING OFFICIAL, WHO GOES BY THE NAME OF ABU-FADI HAMMAD, SAID ARAFAT'S MEN WOULD ONLY BE ALLOWED TO EVACUATE AFTER THEY HAND OVER THEIR WEAPONS.

LIBYAN MEDIATORS, WHO PLAYED A KEY ROLE IN EVACUATING ABOUT 150 FATAH FIGHTERS FROM CHATILLA AFTER IT FELL, HAVE BEEN PREVENTED FROM CONTINUING THEIR EFFORTS BY MOUSA'S FORCES, THE FATAH OFFICIAL SAID.

HE SAID THE DISSIDENTS HAVE BANNED 26 LIBYAN MILITARY OBSERVERS FROM ENTERING BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH IN THE PAST FEW DAYS.

LIBYA HAS RECENTLY BECOME ONE OF ARAFAT'S MAIN ALLIES. ITS LEADER, COL. MOAMMAR GADHAFI, HAS BEEN TRYING TO RECONCILE THE PLO CHIEF WITH SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD.

ASSAD AND ARAFAT MET IN DAMASCUS IN APRIL AND AGAIN IN ALGIERS IN JUNE. BUT THEY HAVE FAILED TO PATCH UP THE BLOODY FIVE-YEAR FEUD OVER WHO WOULD CONTROL THE GUERRILLA MOVEMENT.

THE LOSS OF CHATILLA AND THE LIKELY EVACUATION FROM BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH CONSTITUTE A SERIOUS SETBACK FOR ARAFAT'S EFFORT TO REGAIN THE LEBANON POWER BASE HE LOST WHEN ISRAEL INVADED IN 1982.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, NL-2ND ADD

BEIRUT: IN 1982.

FATAH OFFICIALS SAID 80 PERCENT OF BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH HAS BEEN WRECKED BY SHELLFIRE IN THE LAST TWO MONTHS. ONLY 3,000 OF THE CAMP'S 20,000 RESIDENTS REMAIN INSIDE.

THE INTER-PALESTINIAN WAR HAS CAPPED SIX YEARS OF VARIOUS ASSAULTS ON THE CAMPS. THE ISRAELIS DEVASTATED THE SHANTYTOWNS DURING THE 1982 INVASION. ISRAELI-BACKED CHRISTIAN MILITIAMEN ALSO MASSACRED HUNDREDS OF REFUGEES IN CHATILLA AND SABRA, ANOTHER BEIRUT CAMP, IN SEPTEMBER OF THAT YEAR.

THOUSANDS WERE KILLED IN A THREE-YEAR SIEGE AND INTERMITTENT BATTLES BETWEEN THE GUERRILLAS IN THE CAMP AND SYRIAN-BACKED SHIITE MOSLEM MILITIAS THAT ENDED EARLIER THIS YEAR.

SABRA, THE SMALLEST OF THE THREE BEIRUT CAMPS, WAS DEMOLISHED IN SHIITE CRACKDOWN.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, NIGHT LD-WRITETHRU
DISSIDENT GUERRILLAS OVERRUN MOST OF ARAFAT'S LAST BASTION
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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - SYRIAN-BACKED PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS OVERRAN MOST OF BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH REFUGEE CAMP THURSDAY IN AN ASSAULT AIMED AT DRIVING YASSER ARAFAT'S LOYALISTS OUT OF THEIR LAST STRONGHOLD IN BEIRUT, POLICE REPORTED.

THE COMMANDER OF ARAFAT'S FATAH FACTION IN THE CAMP, SULTAN ABUL-AINEN, ASKED LEFTIST LEBANESE MILITIA LEADERS TO ''GUARANTEE THE SAFE EVACUATION'' OF HIS MEN, ESTIMATED TO NUMBER ABOUT 100, POLICE SAID.

ARAFAT'S FIGHTERS, HOLDING OUT IN A SHRINKING POCKET IN THE EASTERN SIDE OF THE DEVASTATED CAMP, ARE APPARENTLY RUNNING LOW ON AMMUNITION.

POLICE REPORTED THAT AT LEAST 14 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 36 WOUNDED IN THURSDAY'S FIVE-HOUR ASSAULT BY COL. SAEED MOUSA'S FATAH-UPRISING FIGHTERS.

THAT RAISED TO THE CASUALTY TOLL SINCE FIGHTING BROKE OUT MAY 1 TO 174 KILLED AND 665 WOUNDED BY POLICE COUNT.

THE FALL OF BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH WILL BE A SERIOUS SETBACK FOR ARAFAT, WHO IN THE LAST THREE YEARS HAS BEEN SEEKING TO REBUILD THE POWER BASE HE LOST AFTER BEING DRIVEN OUT BY THE ISRAELIS IN THEIR 1982 INVASION OF LEBANON.

MOUSA'S FIGHTERS FORCED HIS LOYALISTS OUT OF THE NEARBY CHATILLA CAMP BY MOUSA'S SYRIAN-BACKED FIGHTERS JUNE 27.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN, WHO CANNOT BE NAMED UNDER STANDING REGULATIONS, SAID THE DISSIDENTS ADVANCED BEHIND A FIERCE MORTAR AND ROCKET BARRAGE INTO THE WESTERN AND SOUTHERN SECTORS OF BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH.

''FATAH IS NOW CORNERED IN THE EASTERN ONE-THIRD OF THE CAMP,'' HE SAID.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, NL-1ST ADD

BEIRUT: HE SAID

ARAFAT'S LOYALISTS HAD EARLIER REPULSED AT LEAST 21 MAJOR ATTACKS SINCE MONDAY, WHEN FIGHTING FLARED AFTER A WEEK-LONG LULL IN THE POWER STRUGGLE FOR MASTERY OF THE CAMPS.

ARAFAT'S FIGHTERS HAD DRIVEN MOUSA'S FACTION OUT OF BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH AND CHATILLA IN EARLY MAY.

BUT THE DISSIDENTS, APPARENTLY REINFORCED WITH SYRIAN HELP, REGROUPED AND BEGAN SHELLING THE CAMPS WITH ARTILLERY, ROCKETS AND HEAVY MORTARS FROM SYRIAN-HELD POSITIONS IN THE MOUNTAINS OVERLOOKING BEIRUT.

ARAFAT'S FIGHTERS, CLEARLY OUTGUNNED, FOUND THEMSELVES IN AN INCREASINGLY UNTENABLE POSITION. THEY LACKED THE HEAVY WEAPONS TO RETALIATE TO THE DAILY SHELLING.

AT TIMES, 20 SHELLS A MINUTE WERE EXPLODING IN THE CAMPS, WHICH AFTER SIX YEARS OF ATTACKS BY ISRAELIS, LEBANESE CHRISTIANS AND SYRIAN-BACKED SHIITE MOSLEM MILITIAMEN WERE ALREADY DEVASTATED.

THE POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID LEADERS OF THE DRUSE PROGRESSIVE SOCIALIST PARTY, THE LEBANESE COMMUNIST PARTY AND THE SYRIAN SOCIAL NATIONALIST PARTY HAVE ''AGREED TO SPONSOR THE EVACUATION.'' BUT HE SAID NO TIMETABLE HAS YET BEEN ANNOUNCED.

HE SAID ARAFAT'S GUERRILLAS WOULD PROBABLY BE DRIVEN IN POLICE BUSES TO THE PORT CITY OF SIDON, 25 MILES (40 KILOMETERS) SOUTH OF BEIRUT, WHERE THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION HAS BASES.

SYRIAN SOLDIERS WOULD ESCORT THE DEFEATED GUERRILLAS TO THE AWALI BRIDGE JUST NORTH OF SIDON, HE ADDED.

THE BRIDGE IS THE SYRIAN ARMY'S SOUTHERNMOST POSITION IN LEBANON.

FIGHTING DIED DOWN IN BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH AROUND NOON (0900 GMT). REPORTERS WHO VISITED THE CAMP SAW MOUSA'S JUBILANT GUERRILLAS CLEANING DEBRIS FROM THE MAIN STREET.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, NL-2ND ADD

BEIRUT: MAIN STREET

GROUPS OF MOUSA'S GUERRILLAS IN GREEN FATIGUES LOADED JEEPS WITH CAPTURED AUTOMATIC RIFLES, MACHINE GUNS AND AMMUNITION BOXES.

THE CAMP, WHICH ONCE HOUSED MORE THAN 40,000 REFUGEES, WAS IN RUINS. NOT A SINGLE SHACK HAS ESCAPED THE SHELLFIRE.

THE FOUR-STORY HAIFA HOSPITAL, THE CAMP'S ONLY MEDICAL CENTER, HAS BEEN REPEATEDLY SHELLED. ALL ITS DOORS AND WINDOWS WERE BLOWN OUT.

HOSPITAL BEDS AND OTHER EQUIPMENT WERE STREWN IN THE STREET, APPARENTLY HURLED THERE BY THE BLAST OF EXPLODING SHELLS.

THE HOSPITAL WAS EVACUATED TUESDAY AFTER THE DISSIDENTS CONCENTRATED THEIR SHELLFIRE ON IT.

THE FEW CIVILIANS WHO REMAINED IN BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH WERE SEEN PACKING UP WHAT WAS LEFT OF THEIR HOUSEHOLDS AND FLEEING THROUGH THE SMOKING RUBBLE.

''WE'RE PROUD PALESTINIANS. WE DON'T WANT TO LIVE WITH TRAITORS. WE WILL GO WHEREVER THE PLO CAN TAKE CARE OF US,'' SAID A WOMAN WHO IDENTIFIED HERSELF ONLY AS FAWZIYEH.

MOUSA, WITH OTHER RADICAL FACTIONS, BROKE AWAY FROM THE PLO IN A 1983 SYRIAN-BACKED MUTINY AND ESTABLISHED HEADQUARTERS IN DAMASCUS.

THE POWER STRUGGLE BETWEEN FATAH AND MOUSA'S GUERRILLAS ERUPTED LESS THAN A WEEK AFYER ARAFAT FLEW TO DAMASCUS FOR A RECONCILIATION WITH SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD TO END A 5-YEAR FEUD OVER WHO WOULD CONTROL THE PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT.

THE PLO HAS CHARGED THAT SYRIA, DESPITE THE RECONCILIATION, WAS BEHIND THE LATEST FIGHTING TO DRIVE ARAFAT'S FORCES OUT OF BEIRUT.

ARAFAT'S MEN HAVE NOW REGROUPED IN BASES IN PALESTINIAN CAMPS IN SOUTH LEBANON, WHICH IS DOMINATED BY SHIITE MOSLEMS, RAISING THE SPECTER THAT MORE VIOLENCE COULD ERUPT IN THAT REGION.

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MSG## BEIRUT
LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 2ND NL-WRITETHRU
EDS: ADDS 2 DEAD, AIRPORT ROAD CLOSED
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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - YASSER ARAFAT'S GUERRILLAS AND SYRIAN-BACKED PALESTINIAN RIVALS BATTLED IN BEIRUT'S CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH REFUGEE CAMPS TUESDAY IN A BLOODY POWER STRUGGLE. POLICE SAID 12 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 45 WOUNDED.

THE CASUALTIES RAISED THE KNOWN TOLL SINCE FIGHTING ERUPTED 12 DAYS AGO TO 46 KILLED AND 188 WOUNDED.

SHELL BLASTS ECHOED ACROSS BEIRUT AS ARAFAT'S FATAH FIGHTERS, THE MAIN COMPONENT OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, AND COL. SAEED MOUSA'S FATAH-UPRISING GUERRILLAS POUNDED EACH OTHER'S POSITIONS WITH MORTAR AND ROCKET BARRAGES.

POLICE SAID HEAVY MACHINE GUN FIRE FORCE THE CLOSING OF BEIRUT'S AIRPORT HIGHWAY NEXT TO BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH. FLIGHT OPERATIONS WERE NOT AFFECTED, POLICE SAID.

A FATAH SPOKESMAN, 4TH GRAF LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, NL-WRITETHRU
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MSG## BEIRUT

LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, NIGHT LD-WRITETHRU

10 KILLED IN PALESTINIAN CAMPS FIGHTING, ADDS BYLINE

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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - YASSER ARAFAT'S GUERRILLAS AND SYRIAN-BACKED PALESTINIAN RIVALS BATTLED IN BEIRUT'S CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH REFUGEE CAMPS TUESDAY IN A BLOODY POWER STRUGGLE. POLICE SAID 10 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 31 WOUNDED.

THE CASUALTIES RAISED THE KNOWN TOLL SINCE FIGHTING ERUPTED 12 DAYS AGO TO 44 KILLED AND 174 WOUNDED.

SHELL BLASTS ECHOED ACROSS BEIRUT AS ARAFAT'S FATAH FIGHTERS, THE MAIN COMPONENT OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, AND COL. SAEED MOUSA'S FATAH-UPRISING GUERRILLAS POUNDED EACH OTHER'S POSITIONS WITH MORTAR AND ROCKET BARRAGES.

A FATAH SPOKESMAN, SPEAKING ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY, ACCUSED MOUSA'S FIGHTERS DEPLOYED OUTSIDE THE CAMPS OF LAUNCHING TWO ASSAULTS ON CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH AROUND NOON (0900 GMT) UNDER HEAVY ARTILLERY FIRE.

HE SAID BOTH ATTACKS WERE BEATEN BACK BY ARAFAT'S SUPPORTERS.

POLICE SAID MOUSA'S GUNNERS, DEPLOYED IN SYRIAN-CONTROLLED TERRITORY IN MOUNTAINS OVERLOOKING BEIRUT, HAMMERED BOTH CAMPS WITH 155-MM HOWITZERS

THE DISSIDENTS ALSO BATTERED THE SHANTYTOWNS WITH 82-MM AND 120-MM MORTARS FROM POSITIONS IN SYRIAN-CONTROLLED NEIGHBORHOODS AROUND THE CAMPS.

FATAH GUERRILLAS RESPONDED WITH 120-MM MORTAR FIRE, POLICE SAID.

FATAH-UPRISING CLAIMED IT FOILED AN ATTEMPT BY ARAFAT'S MEN TO STORM ONE OF THEIR OUTPOSTS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH IN THE AFTERNOON.

POLICE SAID TWO MORTAR ROUNDS EXPLODED IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS AROUND CHATILLA, KILLING FOUR CIVILIANS AND WOUNDING 18.

THEY SAID AT LEAST ONE 155-MM ARTILLERY SHELL CRASHED INTO A DENSELY POPULATED DISTRICT NEAR BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH, WOUNDING THREE PEOPLE.

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MSG## BEIRUT

LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, NL-1ST ADD

BEIRUT: THREE PEOPLE

FATAH ACCUSED MOUSA'S GUNNERS OF SHELLING THE CAMPS ''INDISCRIMINATELY AFTER THEIR REPEATED FAILURE TO ACHIEVE ANY MILITARY VICTORY ON THE GROUND.''

THE CAMPS HAVE BEEN THE SCENE OF SOME OF THE WORST VIOLENCE IN BEIRUT SINCE 1982, WHEN CHRISTIAN MILITIAMEN MASSACRED HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN CHATILLA AND NEARBY SABRA.

THE CAMPS, SHELLED AND BESIEGED BY ISRAEL'S INVADING ARMY THAT YEAR, WERE LATER BATTERED BY SYRIAN-BACKED SHIITE MOSLEMS FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS. THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE WERE KILLED OR WOUNDED IN THOSE BATTLES.

NOW PALESTINIAN IS FIGHTING PALESTINIAN.

TUESDAY'S FIGHTING RAGED DESPITE EFFORTS BY LIBYAN MEDIATORS AND OTHER PALESTINIAN FACTIONS TO ARRANGE A CEASE-FIRE.

ARAFAT'S LOYALISTS HAD DISLODGED MOUSA'S GUERRILLAS FROM THE TWO CAMPS IN EARLIER FIGHTING.

BUT THEY REGROUPED IN SYRIAN-POLICED AREAS OF WEST BEIRUT AND THE CITY'S SOUTHERN SLUMS AND HAVE LAUNCHED A SERIES OF ABORTIVE ATTACKS TO REGAIN TERRITORY THEY LOST IN THE SHANTYTOWNS.

MOUSA BROKE AWAY FROM THE PLO IN 1983 WITH OTHER SYRIAN-BACKED RADICAL FACTIONS IN A DIPSUTE OVER ARAFAT'S POLICIES. THEY SET UP THEIR HEADQUARTERS IN DAMASCUS, SYRIA'S CAPITAL.

FATAH AND MOUSA'S GROUP HAVE BEEN FIGHTING IN THE BEIRUT CAMPS DESPITE A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN ARAFAT AND SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD IN DAMASCUS IN APRIL THAT WAS AIMED AT ENDING THEIR OFTEN BLOODY 5-YEAR-OLD FEUD OVER WHO WOULD CONTROL THE PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, NL

HEAVY FIGHTING ERUPTS IN CAMPS= 2 DEAD, 13 WOUNDED

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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - PLO CHAIRMAN YASSER ARAFAT'S GUERRILLAS CLASHED WITH OPPOSING PALESTINIAN FACTIONS YRIAN-BACKED DISSIDENTS CLASHED IN RENEWED ARTILLERY DUELS IN BEIRUT'S REFUGEE CAMPS MONDAY. POLICE SAID TWO PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 13 WOUNDED.

THE FLARE-UP CAME AS A STORM BREWED WITHIN THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION OVER A STATEMENT MADE BY A CLOSE ADVISER TO ARAFAT, CALLING FOR A PEACE WITH ISRAEL THROUGH A TWO-STATE SOLUTION.

SHELL BLASTS RESOUNDED ACROSS THE LEBANESE CAPITAL AS THE TWO SIDES BATTERED EACH OTHER WITH HOWITZERS, MORTARS AND MULTIBARRELED ROCKET LAUNCHERS AT CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH SHANTYTOWNS.

THE NEW CASUALTIES RAISED THE KNOWN TOLL TO 34 KILLED AND 143 WOUNDED SINCE THE LATEST ROUND OF FIGHTING FOR CONTROL OF THE TWO CAMPS BROKE OUT 11 DAYS AGO.

EACH SIDE ACCUSED THE OTHER OF STARTING THE NEW FIGHTING THAT SHATTERED A FOUR-DAY TRUCE NEGOTIATED BY LIBYAN MEDIATORS AND A SECURITY COMMITTEE MADE UP OF SEVEN UNINVOLVED PALESTINIAN GUERRILLA FACTIONS.

THE FIGHTING PITTED THE FATAH-UPRISING GROUP, HEADED BY COL. SAEED MOUSA, AGAINST THE MAINSTREAM FATAH FACTION, POLICE SAID.

BASSAM ABU SHARIF, ARAFAT'S CHIEF SPOKESMAN, SAID IN A STATEMENT RELEASED IN TUNIS, TUNISIA, LAST WEEK THAT THE PLO WAS WILLING TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL AND ACCEPT A TWO-STATE SOLUTION TO THE 40-YEAR ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT.

ABU SHARIF'S UNCHARACTERISTICALLY CONCILIATORY LANGUAGE TRIGGERED STRONG CONDEMNATION FROM FIVE SYRIAN-BACKED GUERRILLA GROUPS, INCLUDING THE POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE. ABU SHARIF USED TO BELONG TO THE PFLP.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS,NL 1ST ADD
BEIRUT: THE PFLP.
''THE MEANS BY WHICH THE ISRAELIS WANT TO ACHIEVE LASTING PEACE AND SECURITY IS THROUGH DIRECT TALKS, WITH NO ATTEMPTS BY ANY OUTSIDE PARTY TO IMPOSE OR VETO A SETTLEMENT. THE PALESTINIANS AGREE,'' ABU SHARIF SAID. HE LABELLED HIS STATEMENT A POLICY BREAKTHROUGH.
''NO PLO OFFICIAL HAS THE RIGHT TO EXPRESS VIEWS THAT RUN COUNTER TO THE RESOLUTIONS OF THE PALESTINE NATIONAL COUNCIL,'' RETORTED PFLP LEASDER DR. GEORGE HABASH, WHO IS BASED IN DAMASCUS, THE SYRIAN CAPITAL.
THE PNC IS THE PLO'S PARLIAMENT-IN-EXILE, WHICH HAS EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION OF MAKING MAJOR POLICY DECISIONS ON WAYS TO RESOLVE THE ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CONFLICT.
ATTACKS ON ABU SHARIF'S STATEMENT, WHICH WERE FRONT-PAGED BY THE LEFTIST BEIRUT AS-SAFIR NEWSPAPER ON MONDAY, ALSO CAME FROM THE PFLP-GENERAL COMMAND OF AHMED JEBRIL, THE POPULAR STRUGGLE FRONT LED BY DR. SAMIR GHOSHEH, FATAH-UPRISING AND AN ORGANIZATION CALLING ITSELF ''PARTISANS OF THE ISLAMIC REVOLUTION IN PALESTINE.''
THERE HAS BEEN NO COMMENT FROM ARAFAT OR HIS MAINSTREAM FATAH GUERRILLA GROUP ON ABU SHARIF'S EXPLICIT STATEMENT, A COPY OF WHICH WAS ALSO FORWARDED TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON.
BUT A REPORTER AT THE AS-SAFIR DAILY SAID ABU SHARIF INDICATED THAT HE HAD PUT FORWARD HIS PROPOSALS WITH ARAFAT'S KNOWLEDGE AND HINTED THAT THE PLO CHAIRMAN APPROVED THEM.
A SPOKESMAN FOR THE FATAH-UPRISING DESCRIBED ABU SHARIF'S STATEMENT AS TREASON.
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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS,NL,2ND ADD
BEIRUT: AS TREASON.
''WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT ARAFAT IS FULLY PREPARED TO GO EVEN FURTHER THAN ABU SHARIF'S PROPOSAL FOR DIRECT TALKS WITH THE ZIONISTS,'' THE UNIDENTIFIED SPOKESMAN SAID.
A PFLP-GC STATEMENT DESCRIBED ABU SHARIF'S VIEWS AS A ''REFLECTION OF A DEVIATIONIST TREND THAT IS DESIGNED TO ABORT THE SEVEN-MONTH PALESTINIAN UPRISING IN THE WEST BANK AND THE GAZA STRIP.''
A STATEMENT BY THE PSF QUESTIONED WHO ABU SHARIF SPOKE FOR. ''IF HE REPRESENTS HIMSELF, THEN HE SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO TRIAL, BUT IF HE IS SPEAKING FOR A TREND WITHIN THE PLO, THEN THIS TREND SHOULD BE STRONGLY OPPOSED,'' THE STATEMENT ADDED.
THE ''PARTISANS FOR THE ISLAMIC REVOLUTION IN PALESTINE'' DISTRIBUTED A STATEMENT IN BEIRUT AND DAMASCUS DENOUNCING ABU SHARIF'S PROPOSALS AS ''HIGH TREASON.''
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LEBANON-VIOLENCE,0222
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POLICE SAY SLUM FIGHTING KILLS 12= TWO GUERRILLAS KILLED IN SOUTHEAST LEBANON

BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - THE THUDS OF EXPLODING SHELLS RESOUNDED THROUGH BEIRUT AS RIVAL PALESTINIAN GROUPS WRESTLED FOR CONTROL OF TWO REFUGEE CAMPS ON THE SOUTHERN EDGE OF THE LEBANESE CAPITAL.

POLICE SAID THURSDAY THAT 31 PEOPLE HAVE DIED SINCE THE LATEST TUG-OF-WAR OVER THE SHANTYTOWNS BROKE OUT LAST WEEK.

ON THURSDAY, CLASHES IN THE CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH REFUGEE CAMPS LEFT 12 PEOPLE DEAD AND 29 INJURED. THE MORTAR AND ROCKET BURSTS DWINDLED TO SPORADIC SNIPER FIRE EXCHANGES IN THE MORNING, BUT PICKED UP ANEW LATER IN THE DAY, POLICE SAID.

IN OTHER VIOLENCE IN LEBANON, ISRAELI SOLDIERS KILLED TWO LEBANESE GUERRILLAS IN AN AMBUSH ON THE WESTERN SLOPES OF MOUNT HERMON IN SOUTHEAST LEBANON, POLICE SAID.

THE FATAH GUERRILLA GROUP OF YASSER ARAFAT'S MAINSTREAM PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION ACCUSED THE BREAKAWAY FACTION CALLED FATAH-UPRISING OF INDISCRIMINATE SHELLING IN THE BEIRUT SLUM FEUDS. THE GROUP REBELLED AGAINST ARAFAT'S LEADERSHIP WITH SYRIAN BACKING IN MAY 1983.

A SPOKESMAN FOR ARAFAT'S GROUP, SPEAKING ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY, SAID THE RIVAL GROUP WAS SHELLING BOTH REFUGEE CAMPS FROM THE OUTSIDE. HE SAID HIS GROUP REPULSED SEVERAL ATTACKS.

''THEY COULDN'T ENTER THE CAMPS,'' HE SAID WITHOUT ELABORATING.
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LEBANON-VIOLENCE, 1ST ADD,0189
BEIRUT: WITHOUT ELABORATING.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID FATAH-UPRISING REBELS SHELLED THE CAMPS FROM SYRIAN-CONTROLLED TERRITORY IN WEST BEIRUT AND THE SEASIDE SUBURB OF OUZAI.

THE POLICE SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED FATAH-UPRISING TRIED BUT FAILED TO ENTER THE CAMPS.

COL. SAEED MOUSA, ALSO KNOWN AS ABU MOUSA, BROKE AWAY FROM ARAFAT'S PLO IN 1983 AND FORMED FATAH-UPRISING WITH SYRIAN BACKING.

THE FIGHTING RAGED DESPITE EFFORTS BY A COMMITTEE OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM SEVEN NEUTRAL PALESTINIAN GROUPS TO SUPERVISE A CEASE-FIRE.

IN SOUTHEAST LEBANON, ISRAELI GUNNERS AND HELICOPTER GUNSHIPS ATTACKED THE TERRAIN NORTH OF ISRAEL'S SELF-PROCLAIMED SECURITY ZONE WHILE PURSUING A GUERRILLA GROUP, ANOTHER POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

HE SAID THE HUNT BY ISRAEL AND THEIR MILITIA ALLIES, THE SOUTH LEBANON ARMY, ENDED WHEN TWO GUERRILLAS FROM THE LEBANESE COMMUNIST PARTY WERE KILLED IN AN AMBUSH NORTH OF THE SECURITY ZONE.

THE SPOKESMAN, WHO CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED ACCORDING TO POLICE REGULATIONS, SAID AN ISRAELI PATROL SET UP THE AMBUSH OVERNIGHT NORTH OF THE ZONE AND CONFRONTED THE COMMUNIST GROUP AS IT LEFT TO CARRY OUT AN ATTACK IN THE ZONE.
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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS
LIBYA TO DEPLOY OBSERVERS IN CAMPS WHERE PALESTINIANS BATTLE
BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - FIGHTING BETWEEN RIVAL PALESTINIAN FACTIONS ERUPTED WEDNESDAY IN WEST BEIRUT'S TWO REFUGEE CAMPS AND A PALESTINIAN OFFICIAL SAID LIBYAN MILITARY OBSERVERS WILL BE DEPLOYED THERE TO ENFORCE A CEASE-FIRE.

POLICE SAID SIX PEOPLE WERE WOUNDED IN THE CLASHES AT THE CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH CAMPS. THE FIGHTING BROKE OUT AT DAWN AND SKIRMISHES CONTINUED UNTIL NIGHTFALL.

THE CASUALTY TOLL STOOD AT 19 DEAD AND 101 WOUNDED SINCE THE NEW ROUND OF INTER-PALESTINIAN CLASHES ERUPTED LAST WEEK BETWEEN FATAH -- THE MAINLINE FACTION HEADED BY PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION LEADER YASSER ARAFAT -- AND FATAH-UPRISING, A BREAKAWAY FACTION HEADED BY COL. SAEED MOUSA WITH SYRIAN SUPPORT.

PALESTINIAN SOURCES IN DAMASCUS SAID TUESDAY THAT A CEASE-FIRE BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS HAD BEEN SUCCESSFULLY BROKERED.

POLICE SAID MOUSA'S GUNNERS, STATIONED IN SYRIAN-CONTROLLED SECTORS OF WEST BEIRUT AROUND THE CAMPS, POUNDED CHATILLA WITH 120-MM AND 82-MM MORTAR SHELLS AT DAYBREAK.

THEY SAID ANOTHER ROUND OF 82-MM MORTARS WAS UNLEASHED AT 7:00 P.M. (1400 GMT).

A PLO OFFICIAL SAID A SECURITY COMMITTEE MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES OF SEVEN PALESTINIAN GROUPS AS WELL AS TWO LIBYAN OFFICERS MET AT WEST BEIRUT'S MAR ELIAS REFUGEE CAMP WEDNESDAY NIGHT AND DECIDED TO DISPATCH FOUR LIBYAN MILITARY OBSERVERS, TWO AT EACH CAMP.

THE OFFICIAL, WHO SPOKE ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY, SAID THE OBSERVERS WILL TAKE UP POSITIONS ALONG WITH PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS FROM THE SEVEN UNINVOLVED FACTIONS TO DISENGAGE THE COMBATANTS.

THERE WAS NO WORD FROM THE SYRIAN COMMAND WHETHER IT APPROVES THE LIBYAN INTERVENTION. THE SYRIANS MAINTAIN A 7,500-STRONG MILITARY CONTINGENT IN WEST BEIRUT.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 1ST ADD
BEIRUT: WEST BEIRUT.
THE OFFICIAL SAID THE OBSERVERS WERE SELECTED FROM THE 300-STRONG LIBYAN CONTINGENT, PART OF A FORCE THAT CAME TO LEBANON IN 1982 AND TOOK UP POSITIONS BEHIND SYRIAN LINES IN THE EASTERN BEKAA VALLEY WITH THE DECLARED OBJECTIVE OF TAKING PART IN FIGHTING THE ISRAELI OCCUPATION FORCES.

THE INDEPENDENT NEWPAPER AN-NAHAR SAID TUESDAY THAT LIBYAN LEADER COL. MOAMMAR GHADAFI WOULD SOON PULL THE CONTINGENT OUT OF LEBANON.

IN ANOTHER DEVELOPMENT, THE CONSERVATIVE AD-DIYAR NEWSPAPER REPORTED WEDNESDAY THAT SYRIA AND IRAN REACHED AN AGREEMENT CALLING FOR THE GRADUAL RELEASE OF 18 FOREIGN HOSTAGES HELD BY SHIITE MOSLEM EXTREMISTS IN LEBANON.

THE DAILY PAPER, WHICH IS BASED IN CHRISTIAN EAST BEIRUT, CITED AN UNIDENTIFIED HEZBOLLAH SOURCE FOR ITS REPORT. THE IRANIAN-BACKED HEZBOLLAH, OR PARTY OF GOD, COMPRISES SHIITE ZEALOTS WHO ARE BELIEVED TO BE HOLDING THE FOREIGNERS.

''A HEZBOLLAH SOURCE INVOLVED IN THE CASE OF THE FOREIGN HOSTAGES DISCLOSED THAT A SYRIAN-IRANIAN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED REGARDING THE HOSTAGES,'' THE REPORT SAID.

''THE DEAL CALLS FOR THEIR (HOSTAGES') GRADUAL RELEASE,'' THE NEWSPAPER SAID, PROVIDING NO OTHER DETAILS.

THERE WAS NO WAY TO VERIFY THE REPORT WHICH CAME TWO WEEKS AFTER SYRIA DEPLOYED HUNDREDS OF SOLDIERS IN BEIRUT'S SOUTHERN SLUMS, A SHIITE STRONGHOLD WHERE MOST OF THE CAPTIVES ARE BELIEVED HELD.

THE HOSTAGES ARE NINE AMERICANS, THREE BRITONS, A WEST GERMAN, AN ITALIAN, AN IRISHMAN, AN INDIAN AND TWO MEN OF UNKNOWN NATIONALITY.

THE LONGEST-HELD HOSTAGE IS AMERICAN JOURNALIST TERRY ANDERSON, OF LORAIN, OHIO. ANDERSON, 40, CHIEF MIDDLE EAST CORRESPONDENT FOR THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, WAS KIDNAPPED MARCH 16, 1985.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 1ST LD-WRITETHRU,0248
EDS: UPDATES WITH MORE CASUALTIES.

BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - YASSER ARAFAT'S PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS BATTLED SYRIAN-BACKED DISSIDENTS FOR THE FOURTH DAY SATURDAY FOR CONTROL OF TWO BEIRUT REFUGEE CAMPS. POLICE REPORTED EIGHT PEOPLE KILLED AND 17 WOUNDED.

THE BATTLES RAISED THE POLICE'S CASUALTY TOLL TO 18 DEAD AND 77 WOUNDED SINCE FIGHTING ERUPTED WEDNESDAY IN THE BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH AND CHATILLA CAMPS.

POLICE SAID ARAFAT'S FATAH FACTION, THE MAIN COMPONENT OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, AND COL. SAEED MOUSA'S FATAH-UPRISING BATTLED WITH HOWITZERS, MORTARS, ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADES AND MACHINE GUNS.

THE FIGHTING RAGED DESPITE CEASE-FIRE SETTLEMENT EFFORTS BY A SECURITY COMMITEE MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM SEVERAL PALESTINIAN GROUPS.

''SEVERAL CEASE-FIRE CALLS OVERNIGHT WERE IGNORED,'' SAID A POLICE SPOKESMAN, WHO CANNOT BE NAMED UNDER STANDING REGULATIONS.

A FATAH SPOKESMAN, SPEAKING ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY, CLAIMED HIS GUERRILLAS ''REPULSED SEVERAL OVERNIGHT ATTACKS FROM OUTSIDE THE CAMPS'' BY MOUSA'S FIGHTERS.

ARAFAT LOYALISTS HAD DISLODGED MOUSA'S GUERRILLAS FROM BOTH SHANTYTOWNS IN A SERIES OF BATTLES OVER THE LAST TWO MONTHS. BUT THE DISSIDENTS HAVE REGROUPED ON THE FRINGES OF THE SHANTYTOWNS, WHERE SYRIAN TROOPS ARE IN CONTROL.

MOUSA BROKE AWAY FROM THE PLO IN A SYRIAN-INSPIRED 1983 MUTINY AGAINST ARAFAT'S LEADERSHIP AND ESTABLISHED HIS HEADQUARTERS IN DAMASCUS, THE SYRIAN CAPITAL.

CLASHES BETWEEN THE RIVAL GROUPS HAVE PERSISTED IN THE BEIRUT CAMPS DESPITE A RECONCILIATION EFFORT BETWEEN ARAFAT AND SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD TO END THEIR 5-YEAR-OLD FEUD.
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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 1ST LD

EDS: UPDATES WITH MORE CASUALTIES

BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - YASSER ARAFAT'S PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS AND SYRIAN-BACKED DISSIDENTS BATTLED FOR CONTROL OF TWO BEIRUT REFUGEE CAMPS FOR THE FOURTH DAY SATURDAY AND POLICE REPORTED EIGHT PEOPLE KILLED AND 17 WOUNDED.

THAT RAISED THE CASUALTY TOLL SINCE FIGHTING ERUPTED WEDNESDAY IN THE BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH AND CHATILLA CAMPS TO 18 DEAD AND 77 WOUNDED BY POLICE COUNT.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS

ARAFAT LOYALISTS FIGHT SYRIAN-BACKED GUERRILLAS IN CAMPS

BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - YASSER ARAFAT'S PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS AND SYRIAN-BACKED DISSIDENTS BATTLED FOR CONTROL OF TWO BEIRUT REFUGEE CAMPS FOR THE FOURTH DAY SATURDAY AND POLICE REPORTED FIVE PEOPLE KILLED AND 11 WOUNDED.

THAT RAISED THE CASUALTY TOLL SINCE FIGHTING ERUPTED WEDNESDAY IN THE BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH AND CHATILLA CAMPS TO 15 DEAD AND 71 WOUNDED BY POLICE COUNT.

POLICE SAID ARAFAT'S FATAH FACTION, THE MAIN COMPONENT OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, AND COL. SAEED MOUSA'S FATAH-UPRISING BATTLED WITH HOWITZERS, MORTARS, ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADES AND MACHINE GUNS.

THE FIGHTING RAGED DESPITE EFFORTS BY A SECURITY COMMITEE MADE UP OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM SEVERAL PALESTINIAN GROUPS TO ARRANGE A CEASE FIRE.

''SEVERAL CEASE-FIRE CALLS OVERNIGHT WERE IGNORED,'' SAID A POLICE SPOKESMAN, WHO CANNOT BE NAMED UNDER STANDING REGULATIONS.

A FATAH SPOKESMAN, SPEAKING ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY, SAID HIS GUERRILLAS ''REPULSED SEVERAL OVERNIGHT ATTACKS FROM OUTSIDE THE CAMPS'' BY MOUSA'S FIGHTERS.

ARAFAT LOYALISTS HAD DISLODGED MOUSA'S GUERRILLAS FROM BOTH SHANTYTOWNS IN A SERIES OF BATTLES OVER THE LAST TWO MONTHS. BUT THE DISSIDENTS HAVE REGROUPED ON THE FRINGES OF THE SHANTYTOWNS, WHERE SYRIAN TROOPS ARE IN CONTROL.

MOUSA BROKE AWAY FROM THE PLO IN A SYRIAN-INSPIRED 1983 MUTINY AGAINST ARAFAT'S LEADERSHIP AND ESTABLISHED HIS HEADQUARTERS IN DAMASCUS, THE SYRTIAN CAPITAL.

CLASHES BETWEEN THE RIVAL GROUPS HAVE PERSISTED IN THE BEIRUT CAMPS DESPITE A RECONCIOLIATION EFFORT BETWEEN ARAFAT AND SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD TO END THEIR 5-YEAR-OLD FEUD.

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LEBANON-VIOLENCE
ANTI-ARAFAT GUERRILLAS SHELL CAMPS
BY RIMA SALAMEH
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER
BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - SYRIAN-BACKED PALESTINIAN DISSIDENTS SHELLED YASSER ARAFAT'S LOYALISTS IN TWO BEIRUT REFUGEE CAMPS THURSDAY IN A BLOODY POWER STRUGGLE IN WHICH MORE THAN 500 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED OR WOUNDED.

POLICE REPORTED THAT AT LEAST ONE PERSON WAS KILLED AND SIX WOUNDED IN THURSDAY'S CLASHES BETWEEN ARAFAT'S FATAH FACTION, THE MAIN COMPONENT OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, AND COL. SAEED MOUSA'S FATAH-UPRISING GROUP.

AT LEAST 52 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED AND 212 WOUNDED IN THE LATEST OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING THAT ERUPTED TWO WEEKS AGO.

BUT BY POLICE COUNT, 101 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED AND 465 WOUNDED IN THE CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH CAMPS SINCE THE RIVAL FACTIONS BEGAN FIGHTING FOR MASTERY OF THE BATTERED SHANTYTOWNS MAY 1.

MOUSA'S GUNNERS, DEPLOYED IN SYRIAN-CONTROLLED TERRITORY OUTSIDE THE CAMPS ON BEIRUT'S SOUTHERN OUTSKIRTS, POUNDED THE CAMPS WITH 82-MM AND 120-MM MORTARS AND 106-MM RECOILLESS GUNS, POLICE REPORTED.

THEY SAID SHELLS WERE FALLING AT A RATE OF ONE EVERY 10 MINUTES, ADDING TO THE WIDESPREAD DESTRUCTION IN THE CAMPS THAT HAVE BEEN DEVASTATED BY REPEATED ISRAELI AND SHIITE MOSLEM SINCE JUNE 1982.

ARAFAT'S GUERRILLAS, WHO CURRENTLY CONTROL BOTH CAMPS, RESPONDED WITH MACHINE GUNS AND ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADES.

A PLO OFFICIAL SAID 15 OF THE FATAH GUERRILLAS IN CHATILLA SURRENDERED WEDNESDAY AFTER MOUSA'S SYRIAN-BACKED FIGHTERS, USING LOUDSPEAKER VANS, CALLED ON THEM TO GIVE UP.

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LEBANON-VIOLENCE, 1ST ADD
BEIRUT: GIVE UP
THE OFFICIAL, WHO REQUESTED ANONYMITY, SAID THE MORALE OF FATAH GUERRILLAS IN CHATILLA HAS SUFFERED SINCE THREE OF THEIR COMMANDERS WERE KILLED AND TWO OTHERS WERE WOUNDED IN EARLIER CLASHES.
ARAFAT'S GUERRILLAS DISLODGED MOUSA'S FIGHTERS FROM CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH BEFORE THE CURRENT BOUT OF FIGHTING ERUPTED.
BUT THE DISSIDENTS REGROUPED IN SYRIAN-CONTROLLED TERRITORY ALONG THE EDGES OF THE SHANTYTOWNS AND HAVE BEEN BATTLING TO MOVE BACK INTO THE CAMPS AGAIN.
FATAH SAID ITS MEN HAVE REPULSED SEVERAL ASSAULTS IN THE LAST FEW DAYS.
LIBYAN MEDIATORS AND OTHER PALESTINIAN FACTIONS HAVE FAILED TO ARRANGE A CEASE-FIRE TO END THE DESTRUCTION AND BLOODSHED.
MOUSA, ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER RADICAL FACTIONS DISSATISFIED WITH ARAFAT'S POLICIES, BROKE AWAY FROM THE PLO IN 1983 AND SET UP HEADQUARTERS IN DAMASCUS, THE SYRIAN CAPITAL.
FATAH GUERRILLAS AND THE DISSIDENTS HAVE BEEN FIGHTING DESPITE A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN ARAFAT AND SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD IN DAMASCUS IN APRIL.
THEIR EFFORTS WERE AIMED AT ENDING THEIR OFTEN BLOODY 5-YEAR-OLD FEUD OVER WHO WOULD CONTROL THE PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT.
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LEBANON-VIOLENCE, NIGHT LD-WRITETHRU

BY MOHAMMED SALAM

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - RIVAL PALESTINIAN GUERRILLA FACTIONS BATTLED WITH MORTARS AND MACHINE GUNS FOR CONTROL OF TWO REFUGEE CAMPS IN BEIRUT ON THURSDAY. POLICE SAID TWO PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND NINE WOUNDED.

IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, THE ABU NIDAL GROUP ISSUED A THINLY VEILED THREAT TO ASSASSINATE YASSER ARAFAT'S CHIEF SPOKESMAN FOR ISSUING A STATEMENT SAYING THAT THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION WAS READY TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL.

THE CAMP FIGHTING RAISED THE OVERALL TOLL TO 53 PEOPLE KILLED AND 215 WOUNDED SINCE THE LATEST ROUND OF THE WAR BETWEEN ARAFAT'S MAINLINE FATAH GUERRILLAS AND COL. SAEID MOUSA'S FATAH-UPRISING BROKE OUT 14 DAYS AGO.

BY POLICE COUNT, 102 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED AND 468 WOUNDED IN THE CAMPS OF CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH SINCE THE TWO FACTIONS BEGAN THEIR BLOODY FEUD MAY 1.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID MOUSA'S GUERRILLAS, DISLODGED FROM THE TWO SHANTYTOWNS IN PREVIOUS ROUNDS OF FIGHTING, SHELLED THE CAMPS FROM SYRIAN-CONTROLLED TERRITORY IN WEST BEIRUT EARLY IN THE W.

HE SAID SHELLS SLAMMED INTO THE TWO CAMPS AT THE RATE OF ONE EVERY 10 MINUTES AT CERTAIN TIMES. THAT ADDED TO THE DESTRUCTION THE SHANTYTOWNS HAVE SUFFERED BY REPEATED ATTACKS FROM ISRAEL AND SYRIAN-BACKED SHIITE MOSLEM MILITIAS SINCE 1982.

THE SPOKESMAN SAID THE INTENSITY OF THE FIGHTING DECREASED AT MIDMORNING, BUT SNIPER FIRE ''KEPT MOST ROADS IN THE TWO CAMPS CLOSED THROUGHOUT THE DAY,'' SAID THE SPOKESMAN, WHO CANNOT BE NAMED IN LINE WITH STANDING REGULATIONS.

THE FIGHTING CONTINUED DESPITE REPEATED EFFORTS BY NEUTRAL GUERRILLA GROUPS AND LIBYAN MEDIATORS TO ARRANGE A CEASE-FIRE BETWEEN FATAH AND MOUSA'S GROUP.

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BEIRUT: MOUSA'S GROUP.

THE CEASE-FIRE BROKE DOWN IN PART BECAUSE OF A STATEMENTISSUED BY BASSAM ABU SHARIF SAYING THE PLO WAS WILLING TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE.

ON THURSDAY, THE ABU NIDAL FACTION ISSUED A VEILED THREAT TO KILL HIM.

''ABU SHARIF IS ACTING LIKE THE INTERRED TRAITOR ISSAM SARTAWI,'' SAID A STATEMENT FROM ABU NIDAL'S FATAH-REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL PUBLISHED BY BEIRUT'S LEFTIST AS-SAFIR DAILY.

SARTAWI, A ROVING AMBASSADOR FOR ARAFAT, WAS ASSASSINATED IN MADRID IN 1983. THE PLO BLAMED ABU NIDAL'S GROUP, WHICH OPPOSES ANY NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL.

SARTAWI WAS AMONG THE MOST MODERATE PLO LEADERS. HE HAD HELD TALKS WITH ISRAELI MODERATES BEFORE HE WAS KILLED.

ABU SHARIF ''EXPRESSES THE WILLINGNESS OF THE GROUP REPRESENTED BY ARAFAT ... TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE ZIONIST ENTITY,'' THE STATEMENT SAID.

ABU SHARIF SAID IN A STATEMENT RELEASED IN TUNIS, TUNISIA, EARLIER THIS MONTH THAT THE PLO WAS WILLING TO RECOGNIZE ISRAEL AND ACCEPT A TWO-STATE SOLUTION -- A PALESTINIAN HOMELAND IN THE OCCUPIED WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP -- TO THE 40-YEAR-OLD ARAB-ISRAELI CONFLICT.

ABU SHARIF'S UNUSUALLY CONCILIATORY PROPOSALS DREW STRONG CONDEMNATION FROM FIVE SYRIAN-BACKED GUERRILLA GROUPS.

ABU NIDAL, WHOSE REAL NAME IS SABRI AL-BANNA, BROKE WITH ARAFAT IN 1974. HE IS WANTED IN THE UNITED STATES AND WESTERN EUROPE FOR A CHAIN OF TERRORIST ATTACKS, INCLUDING THE DECEMBER 1985 VIENNA AND ROME AIRPORT ATTACKS IN WHICH 16 PEOPLE WERE KILLED.

IN KUWAIT, THE AL-QABAS DAILY REPORTED THURSDAY THAT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION WILL DEAL WITH THE PLO IF IT PUBLICLY ENDORSES ABU SHARIF'S STATEMENT.

THE NEWSPAPER QUOTED ''RELIABLY INFORMED WESTERN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES'' AS SAYING IN A REPORT FROM PARIS THAT THIS HAD BEEN CONVEYED TO ARAFAT THROUGH AN UNIDENTIFIED THIRD PARTY.

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LEBANON-VIOLENCE, NIGHT LD-2ND ADD
BEIRUT: THIRD PARTY.
U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT SPOKESWOMAN PHYLLIS OAKLEY SAID THIS WEEK THAT THE STATEMENT BY BASSAM ABU SHARIF, ARAFAT'S CHIEF SPOKESMAN AND A CLOSE AIDE, WAS A POSITIVE STEP, BUT STRESSED IT LACKED THE AUTHORITATIVE SUPPORT OF THE PLO LEADERSHIP.
AL-QABAS QUOTED DIPLOMATIC SOURCES AS SAYING THE AMERICANS CONSIDERED ABU SHARIF'S STATEMENT AS ''THE FIRST PLO STATEMENT WHICH TALKS IN DETAIL ABOUT THE PALESTINIANS' DESIRE TO LIVE IN PEACE WITH THE ISRAELIS AND THE EXISTENCE OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PALESTINIANS AND THE ISRAELIS TO LIVE IN PEACE AND SECURITY.''
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LEBANON-VIOLENCE, 1ST LD

ARAFAT'S GUERRILLAS AND RIVALS CLASH IN BEIRUT CAMPS

EDS: LEDES WITH THREE GRAFS TO UPDATE WITH 10 DEAD

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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - YASSER ARAFAT'S GUERRILLAS AND SYRIAN-BACKED RIVALS DUELED WITH MORTARS AND ROCKETS FOR DOMINANCE OVER TWO DEVASTATED REFUGEE CAMPS IN BEIRUT ON FRIDAY. POLICE SAID 10 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 34 WOUNDED.

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BY POLICE COUNT, 112 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED AND 502 WOUNDED SINCE THE CLASHES ERUPTED MAY 1.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN, 4TH GRAF LEBANON-VIOLENCE

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LEBANON-VIOLENCE

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THAT RAISED TO 60 PEOPLE KILLED AND 242 WOUNDED IN 15 DAYS OF CLASHES AT THE CAMPS OF CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH ON BEIRUT'S SOUTHERN EDGE.

BY POLICE COUNT, 109 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED AND 495 WOUNDED SINCE THE CLASHES ERUPTED MAY 1.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID THE INTENSITY OF THE FIGHTING ESCALATED SHARPLY AT AROUND 5 A.M. (0200 GMT) WHEN FIGHTERS FROM COL. SAEED MOUSA'S FATAH-UPRISING HAMMERED THE TWO CAMPS WITH MORTARS AND ROCKETS AT A PACE OF FIVE SHELLS PER MINUTE.

DEFENDERS FROM ARAFAT'S FATAH GROUP, THE MAIN COMPONENT OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, RESPONDED IN KIND, THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

RESIDENTS OF BEIRUT WOKE UP TO THE BOOMS OF SHELLS BLASTS THAT RESOUNDED ACROSS THE CITY. SMOKE BILLOWED FROM THE TWO SHANTYTOWNS AS AMBULANCES, THEIR SIRENS WAILING, RACED TO EVACUATE CASUALTIES.

ARAFAT'S LOYALISTS DISLODGED MOUSA'S FOLLOWERS FROM THE TWO CAMPS IN PREVIOUS ROUNDS OF FIGHTING. THE FATAH-UPRISING FIGHTERS HAVE REGROUPED ALONG THE SYRIAN-CONTROLLED EDGES OF THE SHANTYTOWNS AND LAUNCHED A SERIES OF ABORTIVE ATTACKS TO REGAIN LOST TERRITORY.

THE POLICE SPOKESMAN, WHO CANNOT BE NAMED IN LINE WITH STANDING REGULATIONS, SAID THE TINY CAMP OF CHATILLA TOOK THE BRUNT OF THE FATAH-UPRISING SHELLING FROM POSITIONS IN SYRIAN-POLICED WEST BEIRUT.

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BEIRUT: WEST BEIRUT.

''IT APPEARS THEY (MOUSA'S FORCES) ARE TRYING TO DEMOLISH WHAT IS LEFT OF CHATILLA,'' THE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE TWO CAMPS SUFFERED EXTENSIVE DAMAGE IN REPEATED ATTACKS BY ISRAEL AND SYRIAN-BACKED SHIITE MOSLEM MILITIAS BEGINNING IN 1982.

THE FIGHTING RAGED DESPITE A LIBYAN-BROKERED TRUCE ANNOUNCED IN TRIPOLI THURSDAY.

THE TRUCE, REACHED IN A MEETING BETWEEN LIBYAN OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF NEUTRAL PALESTINIAN GUERRILLA FACTIONS, CALLED FOR RETURN OF THE WARRING FACTIONS TO POSITIONS THEY HELD BEFORE THE FIGHTING STARTED MAY 1.

THE TWO FOES BLAMED EACH OTHER FOR VIOLATING WHAT THEY REFERRED TO AS THE TRIPOLI ACCORD, THE LATEST IN A SERIES OF AGREEMENTS THAT HAVE FAILED TO END THE BLOODLETTING.

A FATAH SPOKESMAN CHARGED THAT MOUSA'S FORCES ''STARTED SHELLING THE CAMPS INDISCRIMINATELY EARLY TODAY TO SABOTAGE THE LIBYAN MEDIATION.

''THEY ARE MASSACRING OUR PEOPLE,'' HE ADDED, SPEAKING ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY.

FATAH-UPRISING, IN A STATEMENT, ACCUSED ARAFAT OF PROVOKING THE CLASHES AT THE TWO CAMPS TO ''SABOTAGE SYRIA'S ROLE...IN ORDER TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO AMERICA.''

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LEBANON-VIOLENCE, 2ND ADD
BEIRUT: TO AMERICA.''
FATAH AND THE MUTINEERS HAVE BEEN FIGHTING IN BEIRUT DESPITE A RECONCILIATION MEETING BETWEEN ARAFAT AND SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD IN DAMASCUS LAST APRIL.
MOUSA, ALSO KNOWN BY HIS CODE-NAME ABU MOUSA, BROKE AWAY FROM FATAH IN 1983 AND ESTABLISHED HIS HEADQUARTERS DAMASCUS, THE SYRIAN CAPITAL.
THE PLO, THE UMBRELLA GUERRILLA ORGANIZATION WHICH IS WIDELY RECOGNIZED AS THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, DOES NOT EMBRACE MOUSA'S FACTION.
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LEBANON-VIOLENCE, 2ND NL

EDS: UPDATES WITH CAMP HOSPITAL HIT IN SHELLING, PATIENTS HURT

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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - SYRIAN-BACKED PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS FRIDAY POUNDED YASSER ARAFAT'S LOYALISTS IN BEIRUT'S CHATILLA REFUGEE CAMP WITH A FIERCE MORTAR AND ROCKET BARRAGE IN A BLOODY POWER STRUGGLE.

POLICE SAID THAT AT ONE POINT FIVE SHELLS OR ROCKETS A MINUTE WERE HITTING THE SHANTYTOWN AND THE DEFENDERS SAID CHATILLA'S ONLY HOSPITAL WAS REPEATEDLY HIT.

AT LEAST 10 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 34 WOUNDED, INCLUDING FIVE PATIENTS AT THE HOSPITAL, IN THE FIGHTING BETWEEN ARAFAT'S FATAH GUERRILLAS AND COL. SAEED MOUSA'S RADICAL FATAH-UPRISING IN CHATILLA AND THE NEARBY BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH CAMP.

THAT RAISED THE OVERALL CASUALTIES TO 112 PEOPLE KILLED AND 502 WOUNDED SINCE MAY 1, WHEN THE RIVAL FACTIONS BEGAN FIGHTING FOR CONTROL OF THE CAMPS ON BEIRUT'S SOUTHERN OUTSKIRTS.

A PALESTINIAN OFFICIAL SAID CHATILLA'S ALREADY BADLY BATTERED HOSPITAL WAS HIT DOZENS OF TIMES.

THE OFFICIAL, WHO SPOKE ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY, SAID MOUSA'S GUNNERS USED 240-MM MORTARS TO SHELL CHATILLA, THE FIRST TIME THEY HAVE USED THE HEAVY WEAPONS SINCE THE FIGHTING ERUPTED.

THE OFFICIAL QUOTED A DOCTOR IN CHATILLA AS SAYING MOST OF THE HOSPITAL'S MEDICAL AND SURGICAL EQUIPMENT HAVE BEEN DAMAGED.

NONE OF THE HOSPITAL PERSONNEL WAS HURT IN FRIDAY'S SHELLING, BUT THREE SUDANESE DOCTORS HAVE SAID THEY WANT TO GET OUT, PALESTINIANS SOURCES REPORTED.

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LEBANON-VIOLENCE, 2ND NL-1ST ADD
BEIRUT: SOURCES REPORTED
THAT WOULD LEAVE ONLY TWO OTHER PHYSICIANS TO TAKE CARE OF THE CASUALTIES THAT POUR IN DAILY, THE SOURCES REPORTED.
''WE'RE CRIPPLED. WE DON'T HAVE THE MEANS TO CARRY OUT EVEN MINOR OPERATIONS. EVEN OXYGEN BOTTLES AND GAUZE SUPPLIES HAVE BEEN BLOWN UP,'' THE OFFICIAL QUOTED THE DOCTOR AS SAYING. HE DECLINED TO GIVE HIS NAME.
A FATAH, 5TH GRAF LEBANON-VIOLENCE NL
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LEBANON-VIOLENCE, NIGHT LD-WRITETHRU

ARAFAT'S FOES SHELL BEIRUT CAMPS, 10 KILLED

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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - SYRIAN-BACKED PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS FRIDAY BOMBARDED YASSER ARAFAT'S LOYALISTS IN BEIRUT'S CHATILLA REFUGEE CAMP IN A BLOODY POWER STRUGGLE. POLICE SAID THAT AT ONE POINT FIVE SHELLS A MINUTE WERE HITTING THE SHANTYTOWN.

POLICE REPORTED THAT AT LEAST 10 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 34 WOUNDED IN THE FIGHTING BETWEEN ARAFAT'S FATAH GUERRILLAS AND COL. SAEED MOUSA'S RADICAL FATAH-UPRISING IN CHATILLA AND THE NEARBY BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH CAMP.

THAT RAISED THE CASUALTY TOLL SINCE THE LATEST SPASM OF FIGHTING FLARED JUNE 9 TO 63 KILLED AND 249 WOUNDED.

ALTOGETHER, 112 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED AND 502 WOUNDED BY POLICE COUNT SINCE MAY 1, WHEN THE RIVAL FACTIONS BEGAN FIGHTING FOR CONTROL OF THE CAMPS ON BEIRUT'S SOUTHERN OUTSKIRTS.

A FATAH SPOKESMAN CHARGED THAT MOUSA'S FIGHTERS ''STARTED SHELLING THE CAMPS INDISCRIMINATELY'' EARLY FRIDAY TO SABOTAGE MEDIATION EFFORTS BY LIBYAN OFFICIALS.

THE FIGHTING RAGED DESPITE A LIBYAN-BROKERED TRUCE ANNOUNCED IN TRIPOLI THURSDAY.

THE TRUCE, REACHED IN A MEETING BETWEEN LIBYAN OFFICERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF NEUTRAL PALESTINIAN GROUPS, CALLED FOR THE WARRING FACTIONS TO RETURN TO POSITIONS THEY HELD BEFORE THE FIGHTING BROKE OUT MAY 1.

''THEY ARE MASSACRING OUR PEOPLE,'' SAID THE FATAH SPOKESMAN, WHO REFUSED TO BE NAMED.

FATAH-UPRISING SAID IN A STATEMENT THAT ARAFAT PROVOKED THE CLASHES TO ''SABOTAGE SYRIA'S ROLE IN LEBANON ... IN ORDER TO BE ACCEPTED IN THE AMERICAN-ZIONIST ARRANGEMENTS.''

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LEBANON-VIOLENCE, NL-1ST ADD

BEIRUT: TO AMERICA

MORTAR ROUNDS AND ROCKETS FIRED BY FATAH-UPRISING GUNNERS WERE RAINING DOWN ON THE CAMPS AT A RATE OF FIVE A MINUTE AROUND DAWN, A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID.

THE SPOKESMAN, WHO CANNOT BE NAMED UNDER STANDING REGULATIONS, SAID FATAH DEFENDERS ENTRENCHED IN THE RUBBLE OF THE TWO SHANTYTOWNS RESPONDED WITH HEAVY WEAPONS FIRE.

THE FIGHTING RAGED THROUGH THE DAY AS SMOKE FROM BURNING BUILDINGS BILLOWED OVER THE CAMPS. AMBULANCES EVACUATED THE WOUNDED TO HOSPITALS IN WEST BEIRUT.

FATAH, THE MAIN COMPONENT OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, PUSHED MOUSA'S FOLLOWERS OUT OF THE CAMPS IN EARLIER FIGHTING.

THE DISSIDENTS, REGROUPED ALONG THE SYRIAN-CONTROLLED EDGES OF THE SHANTYTOWNS, HAVE LAUNCHED SEVERAL ABORTIVE ATTACKS IN AN ATTEMPT TO REGAIN THEIR LOST BASES.

THE POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID MOUSA'S GUNNERS, DEPLOYED IN SYRIAN-POLICED WEST BEIRUT, CONCENTRATED THEIR SHELLING ON THE TINY CHATILLA CAMP.

''THEY HAMMERED CHATILLA ALL DAY. THEY'RE TURNING WHAT'S LEFT OF THE CAMP INTO A PILE OF RUBBLE,'' HE SAID.

THE CAMPS HAVE BEEN LARGELY DEVASTATED BY FIGHTING THAT BEGAN WHEN ISRAELIS INVADED LEBANON IN 1982, BESIEGED WEST BEIRUT AND HAMMERED THE CAMPS WITH AIR RAIDS AND SHELLFIRE FOR MONTHS.

PRO-ISRAELI CHRISTIAN LEBANESE MILITIAMEN MASSACRED HUNDREDS OF CIVILIANS IN CHATILLA AND THE NEARBY SABRA CAMP IN SEPTEMBER 1982.

SYRIAN-BCKED SHIITE MOSLEMS BESIEGED THE BEIRUT CAMPS IN 1985, POUNDING THEM FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS IN AN ABORTIVE EFFORT TO PREVENT ARAFAT REBUILDING THE POWER BASE HE LOST WHEN THE ISRAELIS DROVE THE PLO OUT OF BEIRUT IN 1982.

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LEBANON-VIOLENCE, NL-2ND ADD
BEIRUT: IN 1982
WHAT WAS LEFT OF SABRA WAS BULLDOZED FLAT BY THE SHIITES, BUT CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH HELD OUT UNTIL THE SHIITES LIFTED THEIR SIEGE.
MOUSA BROKE AWAY FROM THE PLO IN 1983 IN A SYRIAN-BACKED MUTINY BY RADICALS OPPOSED TO ARAFAT. MOUSA SET UP HIS HEADQUARTERS IN THE SYRIAN CAPITAL OF DAMASCUS.
THE BEIRUT FIGHTING HAS FLARED DESPITE A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN ARAFAT AND SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD IN DAMASCUS LAST APRIL TO END THEIR 5-YEAR FEUD OVER WHO WOULD CONTROL THE PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT.
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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 2ND NL
EDS: UPDATES WITH ARAFAT DIEHARDS LAY DOWN ARMS, ADDS COLOR
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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - SYRIAN-BACKED PALESTINIAN DISSIDENTS OVERRAN BEIRUT'S DEVASTATED CHATILLA REFUGEE CAMP IN A 13-HOUR BATTLE MONDAY AND 200 OF YASSER ARAFAT'S FIGHTERS, MANY OF THEM WOUNDED, SURRENDERED OR LAID DOWN THEIR WEAPONS, POLICE REPORTED.

THE FALL OF CHATILLA WAS A SERIOUS SETBACK FOR ARAFAT'S FATAH FACTION, WHICH HAS BEEN FIGHTING COL. SAEED MOUSA'S RADICAL FATAH-UPRISING FACTION SINCE MAY 1 FOR CONTROL OF CHATILLA AND THE NEARBY BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH CAMP.

ABOUT 140 OF ARAFAT'S MEN IN CHATILLA TURNED THEMSELVES OVER TO SYRIAN AND LIBYAN OFFICERS, POLICE SAID.

THE OTHER 60, INCLUDING 45 MEN BELIEVED TO BE WOUNDED, TOLD LIBYAN MEDIATORS THEY HAD LAID DOWN THEIR ARMS AND ASKED TO BE TAKEN TO ARAFAT'S BASES IN SOUTH LEBANON, POLICE NOTED.

POLICE SAID ARRANGEMENTS WERE BEING MADE TO TAKE THE 60 FIGHTERS, HOLED UP IN THE CAMP'S ONLY BOMB SHELTER, IN A BUS CONVOY WITH SYRIAN AND LIBYAN ESCORTS TO THE SOUTHERN PORT CITY OF SIDON TUESDAY.

THE MEN WERE SEEN MILLING AROUND THE SHELTER'S ENTRANCE, UNARMED AND OCCASIONALLY CONVERSING IN SHOUTS WITH MOUSA'S DISSIDENTS.

''WE'RE NOT GOING TO HURT THEM AFTER THEY'VE SURRENDERED,'' SAID ONE MOUSA FIGHTER CARRYING AN AK-47 ASSAULT RIFLE. ''THEY'LL SOON BE EVACUATED TO SIDON.''

HE GAGGED AS HE SPOKE, COVERING HIS NOSE WITH HIS HAND BECAUSE OF THE NAUSEATING STENCH OF FRACTURED SEWERS AND ROTTING CORPSES BELIEVED BURIED IN THE RUINS OF THE CAMP.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 2ND NL-1ST ADD
BEIRUT: THE CAMP
VIRTUALLY EVERY BUILDING IN CHATILLA, WHICH COVERS 240 SQUARE YARDS (200 SQ. METERS) HAD BEEN WRECKED OR HEAVILY DAMAGED IN THE FIGHTING.
''NO EARTHQUAKE COULD HAVE WREAKED SUCH DEVASTATION,'' SAID A SYRIAN OFFICER, WHO DECLINED TO GIVE HIS NAME.
A LIBYAN OFFICER, WHO ALSO DECLINED TO GIVE HIS NAME, TOLD REPORTERS THAT ISRAEL'S FORMER DEFENSE MINISTER, ARIEL SHARON, WHO LED ISRAEL'S 1982 INVASION OF LEBANON ''COULDN'T HAVE DONE WORSE.''
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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, NIGHT LD-WRITETHRU

DISSIDENTS OVERRUN CHATILLA CAMP IN PALESTINIAN POWER STRUGGLE

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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - SYRIAN-BACKED PALESTINIAN DISSIDENTS OVERRAN BEIRUT'S CHATILLA REFUGEE CAMP MONDAY IN A 13-HOUR BATTLE, CAPTURING AT LEAST 140 OF YASSER ARAFAT'S LOYALISTS, AFTER POUNDING THE SHANTYTOWN WITH A FIERCE ARTILLERY BARRAGE, POLICE REPORTED.

BUT 60 OTHER ARAFAT LOYALISTS, INCLUDING 45 MEN BELIEVED TO BE WOUNDED, REMAINED HOLED UP IN THE CAMP'S ONLY BOMB SHELTER AND THE NEARBY HOSPITAL, VIRTUALLY WRECKED IN THE SHELLING, POLICE REPORTED.

THE FALL OF CHATILLA WAS A SERIOUS SETBACK FOR ARAFAT'S FATAH FACTION, WHICH HAS BEEN FIGHTING COL. SAEED MOUSA'S RADICAL FATAH-UPRISING FACTION SINCE MAY 1 FOR CONTROL OF CHATILLA AND THE BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH CAMPS.

AT THE HEIGHT OF MONDAY'S BARRAGE, 25 SHELLS A MINUTES WERE HITTING CHATILLA, ALREADY VIRTUALLY DEVASTATED FROM YEARS OF FIGHTING, POLICE SAID.

THE FIGHTING STOPPED WHEN ARAFAT'S MEN BEGAN SURRENDERING. BUT POLICE SAID AT LEAST SEVEN PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 11 WOUNDED MONDAY.

THAT RAISED THE CASUALTY TOLL SINCE MAY 1 TO AT LEAST 127 KILLED AND 527 WOUNDED.

IN THE SOUTHERN PORT CITY OF SIDON, THREE PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS WERE KILLED AND SIX WOUNDED WHEN A CAR BOMB EXPLODED NEAR A FATAH OFFICE IN THE MIEH MIEH REFUGEE CAMP MONDAY, POLICE REPORTED.

RADIO STATIONS SAID THE BOMBING WAS AN ATTEMPT TO ASSASSINATE GUERRILLA LEADER MUNIR MADBAH, WHO COMMANDS FATAH'S FORCE 17 SECURITY APPARATUS IN SIDON.

FORCE 17 HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR SEVERAL TERRORIST ATTACKS IN ISRAEL OVER THE LAST THREE YEARS.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, NL-1ST ADD

BEIRUT: THREE YEARS

MONDAY'S BLAST CAME A DAY AFTER A BOOBY-TRAP BOMB IN A CAR BELONGING TO GUERRILLA LEADER MOHAMMED MRAD EXPLODED OUTSIDE HIS HOME IN SIDON'S EIN EL-HILWEH CAMP, KILLING HIS TWO SONS, ALI, 13, AND NAZEN, 6.

MRAD IS A SENIOR MEMBER OF THE MOSCOW-ORIENTED DEMOCRATIC FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE. THE GROUP ACCUSED ISRAEL'S MOSSAD SECRET SERVICE OF TRYING TO ASSASSINATE HIM.

IN THE BEIRUT BATTLES, ARAFAT'S MEN, HAMMERED BY SHELLING FOR TWO WEEKS, STUMBLED OUT OF THE RUBBLE OF CHATILLA'S CEMENT BLOCK SHANTIES WITH THEIR HANDS ON THEIR HEADS AFTER MOUSA'S GUERRILLAS STORMED IN BEHIND A FEROCIOUS ARTILLERY BARRAGE.

POLICE SAID SYRIAN ARMY OFFICERS AND LIBYAN OBSERVERS TOOK CHARGE OF THE MEN WHO SURRENDERED, WHILE NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUED FOR THE SURRENDER OF THE OTHER 60.

FOUR LIBYAN MEDIATORS HEADED BY MAJ. SALIM FARJANI, SHUTTLED BETWEEN THE BOMB SHELTER AND MOUSA'S HEADQUARTERS.

''WE'RE HERE TO STOP THE BLOODLETTING,'' FARJANI TOLD REPORTERS. ''ANY NEW ATTACK FROM EITHER SIDE IS GOING TO BE CONSIDERED AN AGGRESSION AGAINST LIBYA.'' HE DID NOT ELABORATE.

SYRIAN TROOPS STOPPED REPORTERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS FROM ENTERING CHATILLA UNTIL THE FATE OF THE DIEHARD ARAFAT LOYALISTS WAS DECIDED.

POLICE SAID THEY BELIEVED THE WOUNDED GUERRILLAS WERE BEING CARED FOR BY ONE PALESTINIAN DOCTOR AND A NURSE.

NINE OF THE HOSPITAL'S OTHER 11 STAFF, INCLUDING THREE SUDANESE PHYSICIANS, FLED SATURDAY DURING A LULL IN THE FIGHTING.

MOUSA'S GUERRILLAS BEGAN INFILTRATING INTO CHATILLA DURING THE NIGHT, CORRALLING ARAFAT'S MEN IN A 36-SQUARE-YARD (30-SQ.-METER) POSITION, POLICE SAID.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, NL-2ND ADD

BEIRUT: POLICE SAID

MOUSA'S GUNNERS AROUND THE CAMPS AND IN SYRIAN-CONTROLLED HILLS OVERLOOKING BEIRUT, HAVE BEEN HAMMERING CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH WITH 160-MM MORTARS, 106-MM RECOILLESS GUNS, ROCKETS AND TANK FIRE.

THE DISSIDENTS RADIOED THE DIEHARDS: ''YOU HAVE A LAST CHANCE TO SURRENDER AND TURN YOURSELVES IN TO THE SYRIAN ARMY OR FACE A FINAL ONSLAUGHT.''

FATAH INSISTED THAT THE 45 WOUNDED BE TAKEN UNDER LIBYAN ESCORT TO SIDON, WHICH LIKE MOST PALESTINIANS IS PREDOMINANTLY SUNNI MOSLEM.

FATAH DEMANDED THAT THE 15 OTHER FIGHTERS BE GIVEN SAFE CONDUCT WITH THEIR WEAPONS TO SIDON OR BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH, A PLO OFFICIAL SAID, SPEAKING ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY.

THE SYRIANS, WHOSE TROOPS RING THE CAMPS, INSISTED ON ARRESTING FATAH'S COMMANDER IN CHATILLA, YOUSSEF SHARKAWI, HIS SECOND-IN-COMMAND WHO GOES BY THE NOM DE GUERRE OF NADER, AND HIS ASSISTANT, AMNEH JIBRIL, A WOMAN, THE OFFICIAL SAID.

SHARKAWI AND NADER ARE AMONG THE WOUNDED, HE NOTED.

THE SYRIANS ALSO INSISTED THAT FATAH HAND OVER ALL ITS WEAPONS IN CHATILLA TO THE DISSIDENTS, THE PLO OFFICIAL ADDED.

HE SAID CHATILLA WAS ''ALMOST COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED. WHAT WAS LEFT INTACT WAS DEVASTATED BY A SUSTAINED BARRAGE OF 25 SHELLS A MINUTE BEFORE DAWN. IT'S IRREPARABLE AND WILL PROBABLY BE BULLDOZED.''

THERE WERE NO CIVILIANS LEFT IN THE CAMP, WHICH ONCE HAD A POPULATION OF 5,000. MOST OF THEM HAD FLED TO CAMPS IN SOUTH LEBANON.

THE OFFICIAL PREDICTED THAT MOUSA'S GUERRILLAS WILL SOON START BOMBARDING THE SPRAWLING BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH CAMP ON BEIRUT'S SOUTHERN OUTSLKIRTS ''WITHIN A FEW DAYS, POSSIBLY HOURS.''

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, NL-3RD ADD
BEIRUT: POSSIBLY HOURS
THE OFFICIAL SAID CHATILLA HAD BEEN WITHOUT WATER FOR TWO WEEKS AFTER WATER PIPES WERE HIT BY SHELLFIRE.
HE SAID 70 PERCENT OF BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH HAS BEEN DEVASTATED IN THE BOMBARDMENT. ONLY 3,000 OF ITS 20,000 POPULATION REMAIN.
RADIO STATIONS REPORTED THAT ARAFAT APPEALED TO SOVIET LEADER MIKHAIL GORBACHEV MONDAY TO PRESSURE SYRIA TO STOP THE BOMBARDMENT OF THE BEIRUT CAMPS. HE REPORTEDLY MADE SIMILAR PLEAS TO LIBYA, ALGERIA AND TUNISIA.
SYRIA HAS THOUSANDS OF TROOPS ENFORCING SECURITY IN WEST AND SOUTH BEIRUT. BUT THEY HAVE MADE NO MOVE TO STOP THE FIGHTING.
IT HAS FLARED DESPITE A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN ARAFAT AND SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD IN APRIL TO END A 5-YEAR-OLD FEUD OVER WHO WOULD CONTROL THE PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT.
CHATILLA AND OTHER CAMPS WERE BESIEGED BY THE ISRAELIS IN THEIR 1982 INVASION OF LEBANON AND POUNDED FOR MONTHS BY AIR RAIDS AND SHELLFIRE.
CHRISTIAN MILITIAMEN MASSACRED HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE IN CHATILLA AND THE NEIGHBORING SABRA CAMP IN SEPTEMBER 1982.
SYRIAN-BACKED SHIITE MOSLEMS BESIEGED THE CAMPS AGAIN IN 1985, HAMMERING THEM FOR TWO YEARS IN AN ABORTIVE BID TO PREVENT ARAFAT REBUILDING THE POWER BASE HE LOST IN THE 1982 INVASION.
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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 2ND LD

EDS: DISSIDENTS OVERRUN CAMP

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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - SYRIAN-BACKED PALESTINIAN DISSIDENTS, PUSHING BEHIND A FIERCE ARTILLERY BARRAGE, OVERRAN BEIRUT'S CHATILLA REFUGEE CAMP MONDAY, TRAPPING PLO CHIEF YASSER ARAFAT'S LOYALISTS IN THEIR LAST POCKET OF RESISTANCE. POLICE SAID 40 MEN SURRENDERED.

A PALESTINIAN OFFICIAL, WHO DECLINED TO BE NAMED, SAID THE VICTORIOUS DISSIDENTS SEIZED CONTROL OF THE SHANTYTOWN AT 9:30 A.M. (0630 GMT), AFTER LEVELING WHAT WAS LEFT OF THE 200-SQUARE-METER (2,153-SQUARE-FOOT) SHANTYTOWN IN A SUSTAINED BARRAGE OF 25 SHELLS A MINUTE.

THEIR GROUND FORCES HAD ADVANCED INTO PARTS OF THE BOMB-RAVAGED SHANTYTOWN AFTER NIGHTFALL SUNDAY. ON MONDAY, THEY CLOSED IN ON ARAFAT'S ESTIMATED 200 DIEHARD LOYALISTS IN A 30-SQUARE-METER (322-SQUARE-FOOT) POSITION, POLICE SAID.

''YOU HAVE A LAST CHANCE TO SURRENDER AND TURN YOURSELVES IN TO THE SYRIAN ARMY OR FACE A FINAL ONSLAUGHT,'' THE COMMAND OF COL. SAEED MOUSA'S BREAKAWAY FATAH-UPRISING WARNED IN A STATEMENT COMMUNICATED TO THE ENCIRCLED LOYALISTS. NO DEADLINE WAS SET.

THE 40 WHO SURRENDERED CAME OUT FROM THE RUINS OF THE CAMPS UNARMED WITH THEIR HANDS KNITTED BEHIND THEIR HEADS. SYRIAN ARMY OFFICERS AND LIBYAN MEDIATORS TOOK CHARGE OF THEM, POLICE SAID.

THE REMAINING LOYALISTS STOPPED FIRING, BUT REMAINED IN THEIR POSITION WAITING FOR SYRIAN AND LIBYAN MEDIATORS TO ARRANGE SAFE CONDUCT.

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THAT CAMP IS CONTROLLED BY MAINLINE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION GUERRILLAS.

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^**Palestinian** officer shot and killed in south **Lebanon**<

EIN EL-HILWEH, **Lebanon** (AP) _ Gunmen assassinated a senior official of **Palestinian** leader Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction Thursday, **Palestinian** security officials said.

The killing of 42-year-old Shukri al-Khatib, a Fatah officer, took place in the **Palestinian** refugee camp of Ein el-Hilweh near the port city of Sidon in south **Lebanon**, the officials said on condition of anonymity.

They said three gunmen fired several shots as al-Khatib entered his Ein el-Hilweh home shortly after midnight Wednesday, killing him instantly.

The motive for the assassination was not immediately clear. Officials said an investigation is underway.

Ein el-Hilweh, **Lebanon**'s largest refugee camp, is notorious for violent fights among **Palestinian** factions. It is **Palestinian**-run and regarded off-limits to Lebanese authorities.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 1ST LD

EDS: UPDATES WITH SOME ARAFAT LOYALISTS SURRENDERING

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS
PLO DISSIDENTS CLOSE IN ON ARAFAT'S LOYALITSTS, SEVEN KILLED
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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - SYRIAN-BACKED PALESTINIAN DISSIDENTS, PUSHING BEHIND A FIERCE ARTILLERY BARRAGE, TRAPPED PLO CHAIRMAN YASSER ARAFAT'S LOYALISTS IN A LAST POCKET OF RESISTANCE IN BEIRUT'S CHATILLA REFUGEE CAMP ON MONDAY, CALLING ON THEM TO SURRENDER.

A PALESTINIAN OFFICIAL, WHO DECLINED TO BE NAMED, SAID THE DISSIDENTS LEVELED WHAT WAS LEFT OF THE 200-SQUARE-METER (2,153-SQUARE-FOOT) SHANTYTOWN IN A SUSTAINED PRE-DAWN BARRAGE OF 25 SHELLS A MINUTE.

THEIR GROUND FORCES, WHO STORMED INTO THE BOMB-RAVAGED SHANTYTOWN AFTER NIGHTFALL SUNDAY, WERE CLOSING IN MONDAY ON ARAFAT'S ESTIMATED 200 DIEHARD LOYALISTS IN A 30-SQUARE-METER (322-SQUARE-FOOT) ENCLAVE IN CHATILLA, POLICE SAID.

''YOU HAVE A LAST CHANCE TO SURRENDER AND TURN YOURSELVES TO THE SYRIAN ARMY OR FACE A FINAL ONSLAUGHT,'' THE COMMAND OF COL. SAEED MOUSA'S BREAKAWAY FATAH-UPRISING WARNED IN A STATEMENT COMMUNICATED TO THE ENCIRCLED LOYALISTS. NO DEADLINE WAS SET.

POLICE SAID SEVEN PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 11 WOUNDED IN THE LATEST HOSTILITIES BETWEEN MOUSA'S FIGHTERS AND ARAFAT'S MAINLINE FATAH FACTION IN CHATILLA AND THE NEARBY BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH REFUGEE CAMP.

A SYRIAN SOLDIER, WOUNDED BY A STRAY SHELL THAT HIT A CHECKPOINT HE WAS MANNING NEAR BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH ON SUNDAY, DIED IN HOSPITAL OVERNIGHT, THE POLICE SAID. TWO OTHER SYRIAN TROOPS WERE KILLED INSTANTLY.

IN ALL, 127 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED AND 527 WOUNDED SINCE MAY 1, WHEN THE RIVAL FACTIONS BEGAN FIGHTING FOR CONTROL OF THE TWO CAMPS ON BEIRUT'S SOUTHERN OUTSKIRTS.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 1ST ADD

BEIRUT: SOUTHERN OUTSKIRTS.

AN UNNAMED OFFICIAL AT THE SYRIAN ARMY COMMAND IN WEST BEIRUT WAS QUOTED BY SEVERAL BEIRUT NEWSPAPERS MONDAY AS SAYING THE SYRIANS WOULD SHELL THE SOURCE OF FIRE IF THEIR POSITIONS WERE HIT AGAIN.

A FATAH OFFICIAL ACCUSED THE DISSIDENTS OF ''SEEKING TO OBLITERATE CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH AND WIPE OUT THE REVOLUTIONARY PALESTINIAN PRESENCE'' IN SYRIAN-POLICED WEST BEIRUT.

HE SAID CHATILLA'S ONLY HOSPITAL, WHICH HAS SURVIVED ISRAELI AND SHIITE MOSLEM SHELLING IN THE LAST SIX YEARS, WAS ''COMPLETELY DEVASTATED NOW.''

NINE OF THE HOSPITAL'S 11 STAFFERS, INCLUDING THREE SUDANESE PHYSICIANS, FLED THE CAMP DURING A LULL ON SATURDAY.

ONLY ONE PALESTINIAN DOCTOR AND A NURSE WERE LEFT BEHIND. THEY HAVE TAKEN REFUGE IN CHATILLA'S ONLY BOMB SHELTER WITH A HANDFUL OF REMAINING RESIDENTS, THE OFFICIAL SAID. HE SPOKE ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY.

HE SAID MOUSA'S GUNNERS ON THE EDGES OF THE TWO CAMPS AND IN SYRIAN-CONTROLLED HILLS OVERLOOKING BEIRUT, WERE HAMMERING CHATILLA WITH 160MM MORTARS, 106MM RECOILLESS GUNS, SOVIET-DESIGNED GRAD ROCKETS AND TANK CANNON.

THE OFFICIAL SAID ALL WATER PIPES IN CHATILLA HAVE BEEN DESTROYED AND THE CAMP HAS BEEN WITHOUT WATER FOR A WEEK.

HE SAID 70 PERCENT OF THE SPRAWLING BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH HAS BEEN DEVASTATED BY THE BOMBARDMENT. ONLY 3,000 OF ITS 20,000 POPULATION REMAIN IN THE CAMP.

BLACK SMOKE BILLOWED FROM THE TWO CAMPS AS THE FIGHTING RAGED THROUGH THE MORNING WITH THE BOOM OF SHELL BLASTS SHAKING THE LEBANESE CAPITAL.

ANOTHER PLO OFFICIAL SAID ABDUL-AMIR ABBAS, A LEBANESE MEDIATOR, PLANS TO ENTER CHATILLA LATER MONDAY TO TRY TO PERSUADE ARAFAT'S LOYALISTS TO LAY DOWN ARMS AND EVACUATE THE CAMP.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 2ND ADD

BEIRUT: THE CAMP.

THE OFFICIAL, WHO ALSO REQUESTED ANONYMITY, SAID THE LOYALISTS WERE WILLING TO ABANDON THE CAMP IF THE SYRIAN ARMY GIVES THEM SAFE CONDUCT TO REFUGEE CAMPS IN SOUTH LEBANON.

FATAH ADMITTED THAT THE DISSIDENTS HAD STORMED INTO CHATILLA AND CAPTURED TWO OF THE FOUR BASES SEIZED BY ARAFAT'S MEN A MONTH AGO.

ARAFAT WAS REPORTED MONDAY TO HAVE APPEALED TO SOVIET LEADER MIKHAIL GORBACHEV TO BRING PRESSURE TO BEAR ON SYRIA TO REIN IN THE DISSIDENTS AND STOP BOMBARDMENT OF THE TWO BEIRUT CAMPS. HE REPORTEDLY MADE SIMILAR APPEALS TO LIBYA, ALGERIA AND TUNISIA.

SYRIA HAS THOUSANDS OF TROOPS ENFORCING SECURITY IN WEST AND SOUTH BEIRUT. BUT THE TROOPS, WHO RING CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH, HAVE MADE NO MOVE TO STOP THE FIGHTING.

THE CAMPS FIGHTING HAS FLARED DESPITE A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN ARAFAT AND SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD LAST APRIL AFTER A FIVE-YEAR FEUD OVER WHO WOULD CONTROL THE PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT.

THE ISRAELIS BESIEGED WEST BEIRUT FOR MONTHS DURING THEIR 1982 INVASION OF LEBANON, POUNDING THE CAMPS WITH AIR RAIDS AND SHELLFIRE.

PRO-ISRAELI LEBANESE CHRISTIAN MILITIAMEN MASSACRED HUNDREDS OF MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN CHATILLA AND THE NEIGHBORING SABRA CAMP IN SEPTEMPTER 1982.

SYRIAN-BACKED SHIITE MOSLEM MILITIAMEN BESIEGED THE BEIRUT CAMPS IN 1985, POUNDING THEM FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS IN AN ABORTIVE BID TO PREVENT ARAFAT FROM REBUILDING THE POWER BASE HE LOST IN THE 1982 INVASION.

SABRA FELL TO THE SHIITES AFTER BITTER RESISTANCE AND WHAT SURVIVED THE SHELLING WAS BULLDOZED. CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH HELD OUT.

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WITH LEBANON-VIOLENCE
LEBANON-PALESTINIANS
PROMINENT PALESTINIAN COMMUNIST ASSASSINATED
BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - THE LEADER OF A BREAKAWAY PALESITINIAN COMMUNIST PARTY FACTION HAS BEEN ASSASSINATED IN MOSLEM WEST BEIRUT, THE PALESTINE REVOLUTIONARY COMMUNIST PARTY SAID IN A STATEMENT MONDAY.

IT SAID FAHD ARABI AWAD, 31, WAS KILLED MAY 20. IT DID NOT SAY WHERE OR HOW.

BUT SECURITY SOURCES, SPEAKING ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY, SAID AWAD WAS KILLED WHEN A BOMB EXPLODED IN HIS CAR OUTSIDE THE MAR ELIAS PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CAMP IN WEST BEIRUT.

AWAD'S FATHER IS SECRETARY OF THE BREAKAWAY PARTY, WHICH SPLINTERED FROM THE MOSCOW-ORIENTED PALESTINE COMMUNIST PARTY SEVERAL YEARS AGO.

THE PRCP IS AFFILIATED WITH THE SYRIAN-SUPPORTED FATAH-UPRISING GROUP, HEADED BY COL. SAEED MOUSA, WHICH BROKE AWAY FROM YASSER ARAFAT'S FATAH, THE MAIN FACTION IN THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, IN 1983 IN A SYRIAN-BACKED REBELLION.

FATAH AND MOUSA'S GUERRILLAS HAVE CLASHED SEVERAL TIMES FOR CONTROL OF BEIRUT'S BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH AND CHATILLA CAMPS IN RECENT DAYS. ARAFAT'S LOYALISTS NOW CONTROL THE SHANTYTOWNS.

AWAD'S BODY WAS TAKEN SUNDAY FOR BURIAL IN DAMASCUS, THE SYRIAN CAPITAL.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 2ND LD

EDS: BOOBY-TRAPPED CAR EXPLODES, KILLS TWO PALESTINIAN CHILDREN

BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - FIGHTING FLARED ANEW SUNDAY BETWEEN PLO CHIEF YASSER ARAFAT'S GUERRILLAS AND THEIR SYRIAN-BACKED RIVALS, SHATTERING A DAY-LONG LULL IN THE BATTLE FOR CONTROL OF TWO REFUGEE CAMPS IN BEIRUT.

POLICE SAID SIX PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 13 WOUNDED IN THE FRESH DUELS WHICH ERUPTED AT 03:00 A.M. (MIDNIGHT GMT) IN THE CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARARJNEH CAMPS ON BEIRUT'S SOUTHERN OUTSKIRTS.

IN THE AIN EL-HILWEH REFUGEE CAMP NEAR SIDON, A BOOBY-TRAPPED CAR EXPLODED OUTSIDE A PLO OFFICIAL'S HOME, KILLING HIS TWO SONS, ALI, 13, AND MAZEN, 6, A POLICE SOURCE SAID.

THE EXPLOSIVES WENT OFF AT 9.40 A.M. (0640 GMT) AS ''ALI TURNED ON THE IGNITION OF HIS FATHER'S MERCEDES IN FRONT OF THE CHILDREN'S HOME,'' SAID THE SOURCE, WHO SPOKE ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY.

A STATEMENT BY THE MOSCOW-ORIENTED DEMOCRATIC FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE, SAID ISRAEL'S MOSSAD SECRET SERVICE WAS BEHIND THE ATTACK AND THAT IT WAS AN ATTEMPT TO KILL THE CHILDREN'S FATHER, MOHAMMED MRAD, A MEMBER OF THE DFLP'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

THE VOICE OF LEBANON, A RADIO STATION BASED IN CHRISTIAN EAST BEIRUT AND RUN BY THE RIGHT-WING PHALANGE PARTY, REPORTED THAT A STRAY SHELL CRASHED INTO A SYRIAN ARMY CHECKPOINT NEAR THE EMBATTLED BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH CAMP IN BEIRUT, KILLING TWO SOLDIERS AND WOUNDING A THIRD.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 1ST LD
EDS: INCORPORATES REPORT THAT 2 SYRIANS KILLED, ONE WOUNDED
BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - FIGHTING FLARED ANEW SUNDAY BETWEEN PLO CHIEF YASSER ARAFAT'S GUERRILLAS AND THEIR SYRIAN-BACKED RIVALS, SHATTERING A DAY-LONG LULL IN THE BATTLE FOR CONTROL OF TWO REFUGEE CAMPS IN BEIRUT.

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NEITHER THE LEBANESE POLICE NOR HOSPITAL SOURCES IN BEIRUT COULD CONFIRM THE DEATHS. BUT A SPOKESMAN AT THE AMERICAN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL, THE LARGEST MEDICAL CENTER IN WEST BEIRUT, SAID A SYRIAN SOLDIER WAS ADMITTED WITH SHRAPNEL WOUNDS IN HIS LEG, WRIST AND CHEST.

HE SAID THE SOLDIER'S CONDITION WAS NOT SERIOUS.

THE SPOKESMAN, WHO INSISTED ON ANONYMITY, SAID: ''I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT,'' WHEN ASKED IF ANY DEAD SYRIANS WERE BROUGHT TO THE HOSPITAL'S MORGUE.

SUNDAY'S POLICE CASUALTY FIGURE UPPED THE OVERALL TOLL TO 69 KILLED AND 262 WOUNDED SINCE JUNE 9, WHEN THE CURRENT ROUND OF FIGHTING BROKE OUT BETWEEN THE TWO WINGS OF FATAH, THE LARGEST OF THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION'S NINE FACTIONS.

WITNESSES SAID, 4TH GRAF
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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS

FIGHTING RESUMES AT BEIRUT CAMPS

BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - FIGHTING FLARED ANEW SUNDAY BETWEEN PLO CHIEF YASSER ARAFAT'S GUERRILLAS AND THEIR SYRIAN-BACKED RIVALS, SHATTERING A DAY-LONG LULL IN THE BATTLE DOR CONTROL OF TWO REFUGEE CAMPS IN BEIRUT.

at 3 a.m. (24 gmt) in the Chatilla and

Police said 6 people were killed + 13 wounded in the fierce fighting which erupted

AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH CAMPS ON BEIRUT'S SOUTHERN OUTSKIRTS.

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WITNESSES SAID MANY RESIDENTS IN CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH TOOK ADVANTAGE OF SATURDAY'S CALM TO PACK VALUABLES AND FLEE TO SAFER AREAS IN BEIRUT AND SOUTH LEBANON.

BY POLICE COUNT, 118 PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED AND 515 WOUNDED SINCE THE BLOODY POWER STRUGGLE BETWEEN ARAFAT'S FOLLOWERS AND FIGHTERS OF COL. SAEED MOUSA'S BREAKAWAY FATAH-UPRISING STARTED MAY 1.

MOUSA'S SYRIAN-BACKED GUERRILLAS WERE PUSHED OUT OF THE TWO CAMPS BY ARAFAT'S LOYALISTS LAST MONTH.

THEY LATER REGROUPED ON THE EDGES OF THE TWO SHANTYTOWNS. THEIR GUNNERS HAVE SINCE SHELLED BOTH CAMPS WITH HEAVY ARTILLERY, APPARENTLY TO SET THE STAGE FOR A COUNTERATTACK TO REGAIN THEIR POSITIONS.

EFFORTS TO CURB THE FIGHTING BY LIBYAN MEDIATORS AND NEUTRAL GUERRILLA GROUPS HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL.

SYRIAN INFORMATION MINISTER MOHAMMED SALMAN SAID IN DAMASCUS SATURDAY THAT HIS COUNTRY, WHICH IS LEBANON'S MAIN POWER BROKER, WILL NOT INTERVENE ''MATERIALLY'' TO END THE INTER-PALESTINIAN FEUD.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 1ST ADD
BEIRUT: INTER-PALESTINIAN FEUD.
''SYRIA'S DECISION IS TO INTERFERE IN THIS PROBLEM ONLY THROUGH GOOD ADVICE AND POLITICAL EFFORTS,'' HE SAID.
''NATURALLY, IF SYRIA DECIDED TO INTERFERE, IT WILL TAKE MATERIAL MEASURES AGAINST FIGHTERS AND WEAPONS ON ALL SIDES,'' HE ADDED.
SYRIA HAS A 7,500-STRONG ARMY CONTINGENT IN CHARGE OF SECURITY IN MOSLEM WEST BEIRUT. ITS TROOPS, WHO RING THE TWO VIOLENCE-RIDDEN CAMPS, HAVE MADE NO MOVE TO STOP THE FIGHTING.
WITH SYRIA'S HELP, MOUSA REBELLED AGAINST ARAFAT IN MAY 1983. THE MOVE STRAINED SYRIAN-PLO TIES, BUT ARAFAT AND SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD HAVE MET TWICE SINCE LAST APRIL IN AN EFFORET TO PATCH UP THEIR DIFFERENCES.
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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 2ND NL

EDS: UPDATES WITH DISSIDENTS COUNTERATTACK

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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - A PALESTINIAN LEADER'S TWO SONS WERE KILLED SUNDAY WHEN HIS BOOBY-TRAPPED CAR EXPLODED IN SOUTH LEBANON WHILE DISSIDENT PALESTINIAN GUERRILLAS STORMED A BEIRUT REFUGEE CAMP IN RENEWED FIGHTING WITH YASSER ARAFAT'S FACTION.

POLICE SAID EIGHT PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 14 WOUNDED AS ARAFAT'S LOYALISTS AND SYRIAN-BACKED DISSIDENTS OF COL. SAEED MOUSA'S FATAH-UPRISING FACTION CLASHED WITH MORTARS AND ROCKETS IN THE CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH SHANTYTOWNS.

THE CASUALTIES RAISED THE TOLL SINCE THE LATEST BOUT OF FIGHTING ERUPTED JUNE 9 TO 71 KILLED AND 263 WOUNDED.

BY POLICE COUNT, 120 HAVE BEEN KILLED AND 516 WOUNDED SINCE THE POWER STRUGGLE FOR CONTROL OF THE CAMPS FLARED MAY 1.

SUNDAY'S FIGHTING SHATTERED A ONE-DAY LULL IN THE FIGHTING ON BEIRUT'S SOUTHERN OUTSKIRTS.

POLICE SAID ARTILLERY DUELS RAGED FROM DAWN TO DUSK, WHEN THE DISSIDENTS STORMED INTO CHATILLA, CAPTURING TWO OF THEIR FOUR BASES SEIZED BY ARAFAT'S FATAH FACTION A MONTH AGO.

TWO NEUTRAL GUERRILLA FACTIONS, THE MARXIST POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE AND THE MOSCOW-ORIENTED DEMOCRATIC FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE, CONDEMNED MOUSA'S OFFENSIVE AS ''A TOTAL, SYSTEMATIC OBLITERATION'' OF THE CAMPS.

''FATAH-UPRISING IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS ESCALATION,'' THE TWO GROUPS SAID A JOINT STATEMENT.

IT CALLED ON SYRIA TO ''INTERVENE TO PUT AN END TO THE TRAGEDY OF THE TWO CAMPS.''

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, 2ND NL-1ST ADD

BEIRUT: TWO CAMPS

AMONG SUNDAY'S VICTIMS WERE TWO SYRIAN SOLDIERS KILLED AND ANOTHER WOUNDED WHEN A STRAY SHELL HIT A CHECKPOINT THEY WERE MANNING NEAR BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH, POLICE REPORTED.

IN THE EIN EL-HILWEH REFUGEE CAMP OUTSIDE THE SOUTHERN PORT OF SIDON, THE TWO SONS OF MOHAMMED MRAD, A MEMBER OF THE DFLP'S CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WERE KILLED WHEN HIS BOOBY-TRAPPED CAR BLEW UP, POLICE REPORTED.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, NIGHT LD-WRITETHRU

EDS: SYRIANS KILLED, GUERRILLA LEADERS'S SONS DIE IN BOOBY-TRAP BLAST, ADDS BYLINE

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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - THE TWO SONS OF A PALESTINIAN GUERRILLA LEADER WERE KILLED SUNDAY WHEN HIS BOOBY-TRAPPED CAR EXPLODED OUTSIDE HIS HOME IN SOUTH LEBANON AS A POWER STRUGGLE BETWEEN RIVAL GUERRILLA FACTIONS FLARED ANEW IN BEIRUT REFUGEE CAMPS.

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THE FIGHTING SHATTERED A ONE-DAY LULL IN THE A WAR FOR CONTROL OF THE REFUGEE CAMPS ON BEIRUT'S SOUTHERN OUTSKIRTS.

POLICE SAID ARTILLERY DUELS ERUPTED BEFORE DAWN AND RAGED THROUGH THE DAY.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, NL-1ST ADD

BEIRUT: POLICE REPORTED

THEY WERE IDENTIFIED AS ALI, 13, AND MAZEN, 6. POLICE SAID THE BOOBY-TRAP BOMB EXPLODED AT 9:40 A.M. (0640 GMT), WHEN ALI ''TURNED ON THE IGNITION OF HIS FATHER'S MERCEDES'' OUTSIDE THE FAMILY HOME.

A DFLP STATEMENT CHARGED THAT ISRAEL'S MOSSAD SECRET SERVICE WAS BEHIND THE ATTACK, WHICH WAS INTENDED TO ASSASSINATE MRAD.

MOSSAD HAS BEEN BLAMED FOR THE ASSASSINATION OF ARAFAT'S MILITARY COMMANDER, KHALIL AL-WAZIR, IN TUNIS LAST APRIL, AND THREE OF HIS SENIOR OFFICERS IN LIMASSOL, CYPRUS, IN FEBRUARY.

IN THE BEIRUT CAMPS, WITNESSES SAID MANY RESIDENTS FLED DURING SATURDAY'S LULL, PACKING THEIR BELONGINGS AND SEEKING SAFETY IN MOSLEM WEST BEIRUT AND SOUTH LEBANON.

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BUT THEY HAVE REGROUPED ON THE EDGES OF THE SHANTYTOWNS, SHELLING THE CAMPS WITH HEAVY ARTILLERY IN AN APPARENT EFFORT TO SOFTEN UP POSITIONS HELD BY ARAFAT'S FATAH FACTION BEFORE A COUNTERATTACK.

EFFORTS BY NEUTRAL GUERRILLA GROUPS AND LIBYAN MEDIATORS TO CURB THE FIGHTING HAVE FAILED.

MOUSA, AND OTHER RADICAL FACTIONS OPPOSED TO ARAFAT'S POLICIES, BROKE AWAY FROM THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION IN A 1983 SYRIAN-BACKED MUTINY.

BUT THE DFLP AND THE POPULAR FRONT FOR THE LIBERATION OF PALESTINE LATER REJOINED THE PLO, MUCH TO SYRIA'S CHAGRIN, LAST YEAR.

THE RADICAL FACTIONS, OPPOSED TO ANY NEGOTIATIONS WITH ISRAEL, HAVE BITTERLY CONDEMNED A STATEMENT BY BASSAM ABU SHARIF, A CLOSE ARAFAT AIDE, SAYING THE PLO WOULD RECOGNIZE ISRAEL IN RETURN FOR DIRECT PEACE TALKS.

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LEBANON-PALESTINIANS, NL-2ND ADD

BEIRUT: PEACE TALKS

SYRIAN INFORMATION MINISTER MOHAMMED SALMAN SAID IN DAMASCUS SATURDAY THAT HIS COUNTRY, THE MAIN POWER BROKER IN LEBANON, WILL NOT INTERVENE ''MATERIALLY'' TO END THE PALESTINIAN FEUDING.

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SYRIA HAS THOUSANDS OF TROOPS ENFORCING SECURITY IN WEST AND SOUTH BEIRUT. BUT THE TROOPS, WHO RING THE CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH, HAVE MADE NO MOVE TO STOP THE FIGHTING.

THE CAMPS FIGHTING HAS FLARED DESPITE A RECONCILIATION BETWEEN ARAFAT, THE PLO CHAIRMAN, AND SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD LAST APRIL TO END A 5-YEAR-OLD FEUD OVER WHO WOULD CONTROL THE PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT.

MOUSA'S SHELLING ON THE CAMPS, PARTICULARLY CHATILLA, HAS BATTERED MANY OF THE BUILDINGS THAT HAVE SURVIVED NEARLY SIX YEARS OF FIGHTING THAT BEGAN WITH ISRAEL'S INVASION IN 1982.

THE ISRAELIS BESIEGED WEST BEIRUT FOR MONTHS, HAMMERING THE CAMPS WITH AIR RAIDS AND SHELLFIRE.

PRO-ISRAELI LEBANESE CHRISTIAN MILITIAMEN MASSACRED HUNDREDS OF MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN CHATILLA AND THE NEIGHBORING SABRA CAMP IN SEPTEMBER 1982.

SYRIAN-BACKED SHIITE MOSLEM MILITIAMEN BESIEGED THE BEIRUT CAMPS IN 1985, POUNDING THEM FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS IN AN ABORTIVE BID TO PREVENT ARAFAT REBUILDING THE POWER BASE HE LOST IN THE 1982 INVASION.

SABRA FELL TO THE SHIITES AFTER BITTER RESISTANCE AND WHAT WAS LEFT FROM THE SHELLING WAS BULLDOZED. CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH HELD OUT UNTIL THE SIEGE WAS LIFTED.

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PLO-SYRIA
WITH LEBANON-PALESTINIANS
INTIFADA LEADERS ATTACK SYRIA
NICOSIA, CYPRUS (AP) - THE UNDERGROUND LEADERS OF THE PALESTINIAN UPRISING IN ISRAELI-OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ACCUSED SYRIA ON TUESDAY OF LAUNCHING A ''WAR OF ATTRITION'' AGAINST PALESTINIANS IN LEBANON AND URGED LIBYA AND ALGERIA TO MEDIATE AN END TO THE ''BLOODBATH.''

THE STATEMENT, BEARING THE SIGNATURE OF THE ''UNIFIED LEADERSHIP OF THE INTIFADA,'' OR UPRISING, WAS ISSUED ONE DAY AFTER SYRIAN-BACKED PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION DISSIDENTS OVERRAN THE CHATILLA REFUGEE CAMP IN BEIRUT, CAPPING A TWO-MONTH BATTLE WITH PLO CHIEF YASSER ARAFAT'S LOYALISTS.

THE STATEMENT, DISTRIBUTED BY PLO OFFICES IN NICOSIA AND TUNIS, TUNISIA, SAID: ''OUR BRETHREN IN BEIRUT HAVE BEEN CONFRONTING A WAR OF ATTRITION FOR TWO MONTHS.

''IT IS REGRETTABLE THAT AN ARAB WAR MACHINE, THAT SHOULD BE BACKING OUR STRUGGLE AGAINST THE ZIONIST ENTITY, IS IN FACT MASSACRING OUR BROTHERS, MOTHERS AND SISTERS IN BEIRUT REFUGEE CAMPS,'' IT ADDED.

IT URGED ALGERIAN PRESIDENT CHADLI BENDJEDID AND LIBYAN LEADER COL. MOAMMAR GADHAFFI TO ''INTERVENE AT ONCE TO PERSUADE (SYRIAN) PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD TO ISSUE IMMEDIATE ORDERS TO HIS FORCES TO STOP THE BLOODBATH.''

THE PLO'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, OR POLICY-MAKING BODY, ISSUED A STRONGLY WORDED STATEMENT MONDAY, ALSO BLAMING SYRIA FOR THE FIGHTING IN CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH, ANOTHER EMBATTLED CAMP IN BEIRUT.

THE POWER STRUGGLE THAT BEGAN MAY 1 HAS KILLED 127 PEOPLE AND WOUNDED 527, BY LEBANESE POLICE COUNT.

ASSAD AND ARAFAT HAVE BEEN FEUDING FOR FIVE YEARS OVER WHO WOULD CONTROL THE GUERRILLA MOVEMENT. THE TWO MET IN DAMASCUS IN APRIL AND AGAIN EARLIER THIS MONTH IN ALGIERS, SEEKING TO PATCH UP THE RIFT.

IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHAT EFFECT ARAFAT'S SETBACK WOULD HAVE ON THE RECONCILIATION PROCESS.

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PLO-SYRIA

WITH LEBANON-PALESTINIANS

PLO CHIEF SAYS SYRIA SEEKS TO OUST MOVEMENT FROM BEIRUT

MANAMA, BAHRAIN (AP) - YASSER ARAFAT'S DEPUTY HAS ACCUSED SYRIA OF SEEKING TO DRIVE PLO GUERRILLAS OUT OF MOSLEM WEST BEIRUT UNDER A PLAN BY U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE GEORGE SHULTZ, THE MIDEAST MIRROR REPORTED TUESDAY.

THE LONDON-BASED NEWSLETTER QUOTED SALAH KHALAF AS SAYING IN A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW FROM TUNIS, WHERE THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION HAS ITS HEADQUARTERS: ''THE PLAN ON WHICH SHULTZ AND THE SYRIANS AGREED PROVIDES FOR RIDDING WEST BEIRUT OF WEAPONS AND FIGHTERS.''

A COPY OF THE INTERVIEW WAS TELEXED TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS IN BAHRAIN.

THE NEWSLETTER SAID THE INTERVIEW WAS CONDUCTED AS NEARLY 150 ARAFAT LOYALISTS WERE EVACUATED FROM BEIRUT'S CHATILLA REFUGEE CAMP.

IT WAS OVERRUN MONDAY BY SYRIAN-BACKED PALESTINIAN DISSIDENTS OF COL. SAEED MOUSA'S FATAH-UPRISING AFTER A TWO-MONTH BATTLE.

''THE FALL OF CHATILLA SIGNALS THE BEGINNING OF A SCHEME WHICH WE HAD HOPED SYRIA WOULD NOT GET INVOLVED IN,'' SAID KHALAF, ALSO KNOWN BY HIS NOM DE GUERRE OF ABU IYAD.

''BUT APPARENTLY IT GOT INVOLVED, AND THE DISSIDENTS WERE GIVEN THE MEANS TO TAKE OVER THE CAMP, WHICH WAS SHELLED OVER THE PAST TWO MONTHS AS IT NEVER WAS DURING THE PREVIOUS YEARS.''

KHALAF CHARGED THAT SYRIA SOUGHT TO UNDERMINE THE 6-MONTH-OLD PALESTINIAN UPRISING IN THE ISRAELI-OCCUPIED WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP AND NEUTRALIZE RESOLUTIONS PASSED AT THE EMERGENCY ARAB SUMMIT IN ALGIERS EARLIER THIS MONTH THAT REAFFIRMED THE PLO AS THE PALESTINIANS' SOLE REPRESENTATIVE.

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PLO-SYRIA, 1ST ADD
MANAMA: SOLE REPRESENTATIVE
THE PLO'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MONDAY ACCUSED SYRIA OF ENGINEERING THE FIGHTING IN BEIRUT TO ELIMINATE ARAFAT, THE MOVEMENT'S CHAIRMAN, AS A FORCE IN LEBANON.

KHALAF WAS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT THE SYRIAN-BACKED DISSIDENTS WERE NOW EXPECTED TO TURN THEIR GUNS ON BEIRUT'S BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH CAMP.

ONCE BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH WAS CONQUERED, HE SAID HE EXPECTED FIGHTING BETWEEN SYRIAN-BACKED FACTIONS AND ARAFAT LOYALISTS TO BREAK OUT IN SOUTH LEBANON.

THE FIGHTING BETWEEN THE RIVAL FACTIONS HAS RAGED SINCE MAY 1, DESPITE A RECONCILIATION IN APRIL BETWEEN ARAFAT AND SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD TO END A 5-YEAR-OLD FEUD OVER WHO WILL CONTROL THE PALESTINIAN MOVEMENT.

KHALAF SAID THE CAMPS FIGHTING ''CONSTITUTES A BIG SETBACK FOR SYRIAN-PALESTINIAN RELATIONS.''

HE SAID THAT HOPES THE RECONCILIATION WOULD BRING THE RELEASE OF MOST OF THE 2,000 PALESTINIANS HELD IN SYRIAN PRISONS ''HAVE ALSO GONE WITH THE WIND.''

KHALAF CLAIMED THE FIRST STAGE OF THE ALLEGED SHULTZ-SYRIA PLAN WAS THE SYRIAN DEPLOYMENT IN BEIRUT'S SOUTHERN SLUMS LAST MONTH TO NEUTRALIZE THE PRO-IRANIAN SHIITE MOSLEM HEZBOLLAH, OR PARTY OF GOD.

THE SYRIANS MOVED IN TO END THREE WEEKS OF FIERCE FIGHTING BETWEEN HEZBOLLAH AND THE SYRIAN-BACKED SHIITE MOSLEM AMAL MILITIA.

HEZBOLLAH DEFEATED AMAL TO SEIZE MOST OF THE SLUMS. HOWEVER, THE SYRIANS HAVE NOT YET DISARMED HEZBOLLAH, WHICH IS BELIEVED TO BE THE UMBRELLA FOR SHIITE FACTIONS HOLDING MOST OF THE 18 FOREIGNERS MISSING IN LEBANON.

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PLO-SYRIA, 2ND ADD
MANAMA: IN LEBANON
KHALAF SAID THE PLAN ALSO PROVIDED FOR THE LEBANESE ARMY TO TAKE CONTROL CHRISTIAN EAST BEIRUT BY NEUTRALIZING THE RIGHT-WING LEBANESE FORCES MILITIA SO AS TO REUNITE THE CAPITAL'S TWO SECTORS AHEAD OF CRUCIAL PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN THE FALL.
THE AIM APPEARED TO BE TO KNOCK OUT THE TWO MOST MILITANT FACTIONS ON THE CHRISTIAN AND MOSLEM SIDES TO SMOOTH THE WAY FOR A SYRIAN-BACKED CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED PRESIDENT AMIN GEMAYEL.
KHALAF WAS QUOTED SAYING ONCE SYRIA'S MAN WAS IN OFFICE HE WOULD SIGN A TREATY LEGALIZING THE SYRIAN PRESENCE IN LEBANON.
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LEBANON-VIOLENCE, 1ST LD-WRITETHRU

EDS: UPDATES WITH 6 KILLED IN CAMPS, 4 SHIITES SLAIN, ADDS BYLINE

BY RIMA SALAMEH

ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - RIVAL PALESTINIAN FACTIONS BATTLED WITH MORTARS AND MACHINE GUNS IN THE DEVASTATED CHATILLA REFUGEE CAMP FRIDAY AND POLICE SAID SIX PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 30 WOUNDED.

IN SEPARATE VIOLENCE, FOUR SHIITE MILITIAMEN OF JUSTICE MINISTER NABIH BERRI'S SYRIAN-BACKED AMAL MOVEMENT WERE KILLED IN BEIRUT'S SOUTHERN SLUMS BY UNIDENTIFIED GUNMEN IN A SPEEDING CAR. AMAL BLAMED A RIVAL SHIITE FACTION.

A BOMB EXPLODED IN A MOVIE THEATER IN SYRIAN-POLICED WEST BEIRUT THURSDAY NIGHT, KILLING TWO PEOPLE AND WOUNDING FIVE, POLICE SAID.

IT WAS THE THIRD CINEMA BOMBING IN WEST BEIRUT IN TWO WEEKS. TWO PEOPLE WERE WOUNDED IN THE EARLIER BLASTS.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN, WHO CANNOT BE NAMED UNDER STANDING REGULATIONS, SAID MOSLEM FUNDAMENTALISTS WERE BELIEVED TO BE BEHIND THE BOMBINGS IN A BID TO FORCE THE CLOSURE OF AMUSEMENT CENTERS DURING THE MOSLEM FASTING MONTH OF RAMADAN.

THE FIGHTING BETWEEN GUERRILLAS OF YASSER ARAFAT'S FATAH FACTION AND A RIVAL SYRIAN-BACKED GROUP KNOWN AS FATAH-UPRISING ERUPTED IN CHATILLA SHORTLY AFTER DUSK THURSDAY AND WAS STILL RAGING FRIDAY.

BOTH SIDES HAMMERED EACH OTHER'S POSITIONS IN THE CAMP'S ALLEYWAYS WITH 82-MM MORTARS, 106-MM RECOILLESS GUNS AND ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADES, POLICE SAID.

ARAFAT'S LOYALISTS CONTROLLED THE EASTERN SECTOR OF THE CAMP, WHERE SOME 3,000 REFUGEES LIVE, WHILE HIS OPPONENTS HELD THE WESTERN HALF CLOSE TO SYRIAN POSITIONS.

IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHAT TOUCHED OFF THE FIGHTING. BUT IT WAS THE SECOND OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE THIS WEEK IN CHATILLA, WHICH WAS LARGELY DEVASTATED IN HEAVY AMAL-PALESTINIAN FIGHTING BETWEEN 1985 AND LAST YEAR.

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LEBANON-VIOLENCE

PALESTINIAN CLASHES FLARE ANEW, BOMB EXPLODIES IN BEIRUT

BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - RIVAL PALESTINIAN FACTIONS BATTLED WITH MORTARS, ROCKETS AND MACHINE GUNS IN WEST BEIRUT'S DEVASTATED CHATILLA REFUGEE CAMP FRIDAY. POLICE SAID FOUR PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND NINE WOUNDED.

A BOMB EXPLODED IN A MOVIE THEATER IN BEIRUT'S SYRIAN-POLICED MOSLEM SECTOR THURSDAY NIGHT, KILLING TWO PEOPLE AND WOUNDING FIVE OTHERS, POLICE REPORTED.

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A POLICE SPOKESMAN, WHO CANNOT BE NAMED UNDER STANDING REGULATIONS, SAID FUNDAMENTALIST MOSLEM FACTIONS WERE BELIEVED TO BE BEHIND THE BOMBINGS IN A BID TO FORCE THE CLOSURE OF AMUSEMENT CENTERS DURING THE MOSLEM FASTING MONTH OF RAMADAN.

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BOTH SIDES HAMMERED EACH OTHER'S POSITIONS IN THE CAMP'S ALLEYWAYS WITH 82-MM MORTARS, 106-MM RECOILLESS CANNON, HEAVY MACHINE GUNS AND ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADES, POLICE SAID.

IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHAT TOUCHED OFF THE FIGHTING. BUT IT WAS THE SECOND OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE IN THE CAMP THIS WEEK.

AT LEAST EIGHT FIGHTERS WERE KILLED AND 43 WOUNDED MAY 2 IN THE FIRST MAJOR CLASH BETWEEN THE TWO FACTIONS SINCE ARAFAT'S RECONCILIATION MEETING WITH SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD IN DAMASCUS TWO WEEKS AGO.

ARAFAT'S FATAH, THE MAIN GROUP WITHIN THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION, OVERRAN MOST OF THE RIVAL FACTION'S POSITIONS IN CHATILLA IN THAT CLASH AND SEIZED CONTROL OF THE CAMP.

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LEBANON-VIOLENCE, 3RD NIGHT LD
EDS: UPDATES WITH CAR BOMB IN NORTHERN LEBANON
BY RIMA SALAMEH
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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - PALESTINIAN FACTIONS FOUGHT EACH OTHER WITH MORTARS, ROCKETS AND MACHINE GUNS IN WEST BEIRUTS CHATILLA REFUGEE CAMP FRIDAY. POLICE SAID EIGHT PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 36 WOUNDED.

IN SEPARATE VIOLENCE IN BEIRUTS SOUTHERN SLUMS, FOUR SHIITE MILITIAMEN OF JUSTICE MINISTER NABIH BERRIS SYRIAN-BACKED AMAL MOVEMENT WERE KILLED BY UNIDENTIFIED GUNMEN IN A SPEEDING CAR. AMAL BLAMED A RIVAL SHIITE FACTION.

A SMALL CAR BOMB DETONATED IN THE SYRIAN-CONTROLLED PROVINCE OF BATROUN, 28 MILES (45 KMS) NORTH OF BEIRUT, WOUNDING THREE PEOPLE AND CAUSING SOME DAMAGE. NO OTHER DETAILS WERE AVAILABLE.

POLICE SAID, 3RD GRAF 2ND NL

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LEBANON-VIOLENCE, 2ND NIGHT LD
EDS: UPDATES WITH PLO STATEMENT
BY RIMA SALAMEH
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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - PALESTINIAN FACTIONS FOUGHT EACH OTHER WITH MORTARS, ROCKETS AND MACHINE GUNS IN WEST BEIRUT'S CHATILLA REFUGEE CAMP FRIDAY. POLICE SAID EIGHT PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 36 WOUNDED.

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POLICE SAID TWO PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND FIVE WOUNDED WHEN A TWO-KILOGRAM (4.4-POUND) BOMB EXPLODED IN A MOVIE THEATER IN BEIRUT'S SYRIAN-POLICED MOSLEM SECTOR THURSDAY NIGHT.

THE FIGHTING BETWEEN PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION LEADER YASSER ARAFAT'S BACKERS IN THE MAINLINE FATAH FACTION AND A RIVAL SYRIAN-BACKED GROUP, FATAH-UPRISING, BROKE OUT THURSDAY MORNING AND RAGED UNABATED THROUGH FRIDAY.

SHELLFIRE SHOOK BEIRUT AS BOTH SIDES POUNDED THE OTHER'S POSITIONS IN THE CAMP'S DUSTY ALLEYS WITH 82MM AND 60MM MORTARS, 106MM RECOILLESS GUNS AND ROCKET-PROPELLED GRENADES, POLICE SAID.

EACH SIDE ACCUSED THE OTHER OF STARTING THE FIGHTING.

IN BAGHDAD, IRAQ, AN OFFICIAL OF ARAFAT'S FACTION SAID THE GUERRILLA GROUP HAS ASKED SYRIA TO INTERVENE WITH FATAH-UPRISING IN AN EFFORT TO STOP THE FIGHTING.

''WE APPEAL TO OUR SYRIAN BROTHERS TO EXERT MORE EFFORTS TO PUT AN END TO THE ORGANIZED ATTACKS AGAINST OUR CAMPS AND PEOPLE IN BEIRUT,'' SAID THE OFFICIAL, WHO SPOKE ON CONDITION OF NOT BEING NAMED.

POLICE SAID, 7TH GRAF NL

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LEBANON-VIOLENCE, NIGHT LD-WRITETHRU
EDS: UPDATES CASUALTIES
PALESTINIAN FACTIONS BATTLE IN WEST BEIRUT
BY RIMA SALAMEH
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BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - PALESTINIAN FACTIONS FOUGHT EACH OTHER WITH MORTARS, ROCKETS AND MACHINE GUNS IN WEST BEIRUT'S CHATILLA REFUGEE CAMP FRIDAY. POLICE SAID EIGHT PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 36 WOUNDED.

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EACH SIDE ACCUSED THE OTHER OF STARTING THE FIGHTING.

POLICE SAID ARAFAT'S LOYALISTS CONTROLLED THE EASTERN SECTOR OF CHATILLA, WHILE GUERRILLAS OF FATAH-UPRISING DOMINATED ITS WESTERN HALF CLOSE TO SYRIAN LINES.

SYRIA, WHICH MAINTAINS 7,500 PEACEKEEPING TROOPS IN WEST BEIRUT, MANS POSITIONS AROUND CHATILLA. THE TROOPS REMAINED IN THEIR SANDBAGGED POSITIONS DURING THE BATTLES.

''WE (SYRIAN TROOPS) ARE NEUTRAL,'' SAID A SYRIAN OFFICER AT HIS OUTPOST AT CHATILLA'S EASTERN ENTRANCE.

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LEBANON-VIOLENCE, NL-1ST ADD

BEIRUT: EASTERN ENTRANCE,

''SYRIA IS AGAINST ANY INTER-PALESTINIAN FIGHTING. WE WANT THE PLO TO GET REUNITED,'' THE OFFICER SAID, SPEAKING ON CONDITION OF ANONYMITY.

CHATILLA'S ONLY OPEN ROAD CAME UNDER HEAVY SNIPING FROM GUERRILLAS, MAKING IT DIFFICULT FOR THE CAMP'S 3,000 PALESTINIAN REFUGEES TO FLEE FOR SHELTER TO SAFER AREAS OUTSIDE. ONLY A FEW LEFT DURING A BRIEF LULL IN THE SMALL HOURS OF THE MORNING.

''I DON'T KNOW WHY THEY ARE DOING THIS TO US,'' CRIED A PALESTINIAN WOMAN AT HER HOME AT THE CAMP'S EASTERN ENTRANCE. ''WE CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE. I ALREADY LOST MY HUSBAND IN THE CAMPS WAR. I DON'T WANT TO LOSE MY FOUR CHILDREN.''

MORE THAN 1,600 PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 3,600 WOUNDED IN THE THREE-YEAR CAMPS WAR BETWEEN THE PLO AND AMAL, WHICH ENDED AFTER THE SYRIANS INTERVENED IN APRIL 1987.

IT WAS THE SECOND OUTBREAK OF VIOLENCE IN THE CAMP THIS WEEK.

AT LEAST EIGHT FIGHTERS WERE KILLED AND 43 WOUNDED MAY 2 IN THE FIRST MAJOR CLASH BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES SINCE ARAFAT'S RECONCILIATION MEETING WITH SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD IN DAMASCUS TWO WEEKS AGO.

MEANWHILE, TENSION WAS REPORTED HIGH IN BEIRUT'S SOUTHERN SLUMS AFTER THE KILLING OF THE FOUR AMAL MEN.

AMAL, WHICH IS BACKED BY SYRIA, ACCUSED THE PRO-IRANIAN SHIITE EXTREMIST HEZBOLLAH PARTY OF CARRYING OUT THE KILLING IN THE HAY MADI DISTRICT OF SOUTH BEIRUT.

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LEBANON-VIOLENCE, NL-2ND ADD
BEIRUT: SOUTH BEIRUT.
POLICE SAID AMAL MILITIAMEN WERE SURROUNDING THE MAIN HEZBOLLAH BARRACKS IN THE BIR EL-ABED NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE SOUTHERN SUBURBS. THERE WERE NO REPORTS OF A CONFRONTATION.

THE SKIRMISH WAS THE FIRST IN BEIRUT BETWEEN THE TWO SHIITE RIVALS SINCE AMAL CRUSHED HEZBOLLAH IN A CRACKDOWN THROUGHOUT SOUTH LEBANON LAST MONTH. SIXTY-TWO PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 150 WOUNDED IN THE FOUR-DAY SWEEP BY AMAL.

THURSDAY NIGHT'S BLAST IN WEST BEIRUT WAS THE THIRD CINEMA BOMBING THERE IN TWO WEEKS. TWO PEOPLE WERE WOUNDED IN THE EARLIER BOMBINGS.

A POLICE SPOKESMAN, WHO CANNOT BE NAMED UNDER STANDING REGULATIONS, SAID FUNDAMENTALIST MOSLEM FACTIONS WERE BELIEVED TO BE BEHIND THE BOMBINGS. HE SAID THEY WERE TRYING TO FORCE THE CLOSURE OF AMUSEMENT CENTERS DURING THE MOSLEM FASTING MONTH OF RAMADAN.

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LEBANON-VIOLENCE
ARAFAT'S FATAH IN CONTROL OF CAMPS
BEIRUT, LEBANON (AP) - YASSER ARAFAT'S MAINLINE PALESTINIAN FACTION WAS IN CONTROL OF TWO REFUGEE CAMPS TUESDAY AFTER CRUSHING SYRIAN-BACKED DISSIDENTS IN FIGHTING THE DAY BEFORE, POLICE SAID.
A POLICE SPOKESMAN SAID EIGHT PEOPLE WERE KILLED AND 43 WOUNDED IN THE DAY-LONG FIGHTING BEFORE A CEASE-FIRE WENT INTO EFFECT LATE MONDAY AT THE CHATILLA AND BOURJ EL-BARAJNEH CAMPS.
THE DISSIDENTS, ACCORDING TO THE SPOKESMAN, ''STILL HAVE ONE POSITION AT CHATILLA. IT SEEMS THEY WILL SURRENDER IT PEACEFULLY TO ARAFAT'S LOYALISTS.''
A 50-MAN COMMITTEE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF VARIOUS GUERRILLA FACTIONS WAS ''WORKING OUT THE FINAL DETAILS FOR THEIR SURRENDER,'' SAID THE SPOKESMAN, WHO COULD NOT BE IDENTIFIED BY NAME.
IT WAS THE FIRST MAJOR CLASH BETWEEN ARAFAT'S MAINLINE FATAH GROUP AND THE DISSIDENTS, WHO INCLUDE COL. SAEED MOUSA'S FATAH-UPRISING GROUP, SINCE ARAFAT'S RECONCILIATION MEETING WITH SYRIAN PRESIDENT HAFEZ ASSAD IN DAMASCUS LAST WEEK.
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